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50 YEARS AGO, SUPER TORNADO OUTBREAK DEVASTATED HANOVER, MADISON **PAGE A3**

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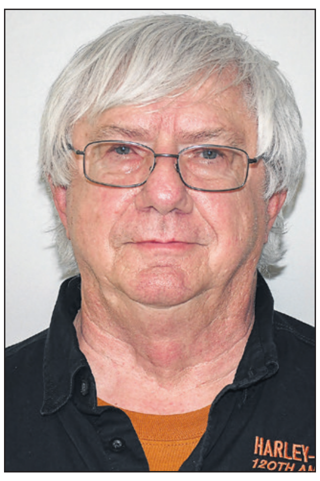

Bob Demaree

Former Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff and Hanover Town Marshall Ron Kroger was elected by Democratic caucus on Saturday to serve the unexpired term of Melvin Adams on Hanover Township Advisory Board.

Kroger Jr. elected to Hanover Township Advisory

BY BOB DEMAREE

A Democratic caucus on Saturday elected Ron Kroger Jr. to serve the unexpired term of Hanover Township advisory board trustee Melvin Adams who died last month.

Kroger worked in law enforcement for 42 years — the first 30 with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the next 12 as Hanover Town Marshal — before retiring seven years ago.

"Since 1975 I have worked in the public. The seven years I've been out of it, I still get asked" questions by people in the town, even though he's served no official role. Kroger said by serving on the advisory board he can continue to do that and more. "I look forward to getting involved and doing stuff, and helping out," he said.

Kroger, 69, is a Jefferson County native but some of his teenage years were spent in Florida after his family moved there for three years. He graduated from Stranahan High School in Fort Lauderdale.

"As soon as I could, I came home," said Kroger. "I came up here working at Reliance, but when an opening came up in the sheriff's department at the jail, I said I'd take it" due of his interest in law enforcement dating back to his childhood.

He has now lived in the same house in Hanover for 48 years and also owns a family farm in Republican Township. He's served on both the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department and Kent Volunteer Fire Department.

Kroger is also married to town council president Debbie Kroger, has two sons, two daughters and 14 grandchildren.

Adams was in his 54th year on the Hanover Township Advisory Board when he died on Feb. 28 at age 88. He was first elected in 1970 and last elected in 2022 with the current term that goes through end of December 2026 that Kroger will now be completing.

Vietnam vets receive welcome home

Photos by Bob Demaree

A group of veterans from the audience removes a tarp to unveil the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Friday's dedication ceremony in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Visitors read names on engraved pavers as wreaths surround the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Jefferson County Courthouse lawn after Friday's dedication ceremony.

Veterans raise their hands while being recognized during Friday's dedication ceremony of the Jefferson County Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

More than 200 people attended the dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Dale Crafton, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and Jefferson County's most decorated Vietnam veteran, gives a salute during the dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

BY BOB DEMAREE

Welcome home came Friday for Jefferson County veterans who served in Vietnam with the dedication ceremony of the new Jefferson County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in front of the county courthouse.

"I want to thank everyone for coming to this special dedication — especially my fellow veterans, a dedication that should have happened 51 years ago," said Commissioner Bobby Little. "On March 29, 1973, the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. This is the welcome that they never received. Today they are receiving that welcome home in Jefferson County with this memorial — a tribute to those who fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice. Welcome home Vietnam veterans."

Little, who served from 1969-1975 as a U.S. Army Reserve, Sergeant E-5 with the 375th Chemical Company, said efforts to create the memorial began when he was contacted by Jerry Horine, a Hanover native who was living in North Carolina, seeking the support of the Jefferson County Commissioners. "He had a vision about a memorial on the Courthouse lawn. We were immediately on board."

Little said Horine sadly died in December. "It's bittersweet that Jerry is not here today to see his vision completed. If not for his passion and love for all veterans, this wonderful memorial would never have happened. I know Jerry is looking down with that quick smile with approval of a job well done."

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a bronze 6-foot-2 replica of a soldier with the words "All gave some, Some gave all" at the bottom of the granite base of the monument along with a bench. There is also a special plaque honoring Dale Crafton, a highly decorated retired lieutenant colonel from Jefferson County.

"I am very honored and humbled," said Crafton, Jefferson County's most decorated Vietnam veteran having been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart,

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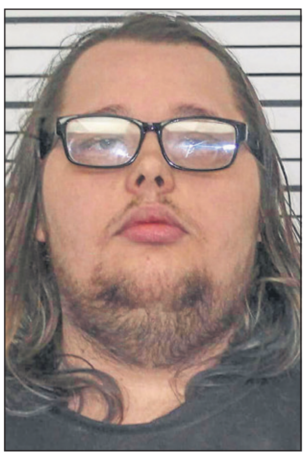
Dupont men arrested on theft, narcotics charges

BY THE COURIER STAFF



AUSTIN MCGAUGHEY

ROBERT E. MCGAUGHEY II

BRANDON LEE MCGAUGHEY

The discovery of alleged stolen property at a residence on State Road 7 south of Dupont led to the arrest of three men Thursday morning on theft, weapons and drug charges.

Those arrested were: Brandon McGaughey, 34; Robert McGaughey, 60; and Austin McGaughey, 25.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department officers arrived at 9699 State Road 7 to execute an arrest warrant on Brandon McGaughey at 7 a.m. on Thursday for failure to appear in court. A search of the residence while taking Brandon McGaughey into custody also located various firearms, narcotics and cash.

Officers recovered alleged stolen firearms, a stolen suppressor and stolen military equipment as well as drugs and cash.

Brandon McGaughey has been charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon, a Level 4 felony; Dealing Narcotics, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Legend Drug and Theft, all Level 6 felonies; as well as the Failure to Appear warrants.

Austin McGaughey has been charged with Dealing Narcotics, a Level 5 felony; Possession of a Legend Drug, Possession of Methamphetamine, Theft and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor.

Robert McGaughey has been charged with Dealing Narcotics, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Legend Drug, Possession of Methamphetamine, Theft and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor.

All three men were lodged in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center without bond.

Assistance was provided by Jennings County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police.

Elsewhere, at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Hanover Police, Madison Police and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department responded to an incident in Hanover on Main Street south of the Circle K which led to the arrest of a man on intimidation and resisting charges.

Kevin J. Sabie, 42, was charged with Intimidation with a Deadly Weapon, a Level 5 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony.

Sabie was lodged in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center without bond.

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OBITUARIES

Terrell McFalls

Terrell McFalls, age 81, of Bedford, Kentucky entered this life on February 17, 1943 in Lynch, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late Ballard McFalls and Ora Lee Hibbs. He served in the United States Army for 9 years. Terrell died on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 1:26 p.m. at the Signature HealthCARE of Carrollton Rehab & Wellness Center in Carrollton, Kentucky.

Terrell will be missed by his loving wife and companion of 24 years, Carol Johnston; his two daughters, Judy Maish of Richmond, IN, and Barbara Cunningham and her husband, Brian of Sulphur, KY; his grandchildren, Stephanie Cunningham and Savannah McFalls; his brother-in-law, David Johnston of Harrogate, TN; his close friends, Nick Schultz and April South and his special friend, Sue Richards. He was preceded in death by his father, Ballard McFalls; his mother, Ora Lee Hibbs; his granddaughter, Shelby Maish; his son-in-law, Jerry Marsh; and his brother-in-law, William Johnston.

Per Terrell's wishes there will be no services held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trimble County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

John Thomas 'J.T.' Gulley

John Thomas "J.T." Gulley, age 63, of Sanders, Kentucky formerly of Madison, entered this life on October 23, 1960 in Hamilton County, Ohio. He was the loving son of the late, John Robert Gulley and Elizabeth May McElfresh Gulley Davis. He was raised by his step dad, Johnny E. "Jake" Davis and his mother in Madison, Indiana. He had resided the past 15 years in the Sanders community. John had passed away at his home in Sanders, Kentucky.

John will be missed by his loving sisters, Dotty Luegering and her husband, Hank of Port Charlotte, FL, Debbie Geisler and her husband, Jeff of Madison, IN, Glenda Sison and her husband, Sonny of Madison, IN, Linda Oberholtzer and her husband, Jon of Madison, IN, May Kahafer and her husband, Steve of New Albany, IN; two his brothers, Jacob McClanahan of Eau Clair, WI, Joe Davis and his wife, Margie of Oklahoma City, OK; his sister in law, Jean Davis of Louisville, KY; his brother in law, Allan Fryman of Maysville, KY; his step daughter, Melissa Mancini of Fallon, NV; his step grandchildren, Devon Mancini and Shirley Mancini; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, John Robert Gulley; his mother, Elizabeth May McElfresh Gulley Davis; his son, John Robert Gulley; his step dad, Johnny Earl "Jake" Davis; his brothers, Johnny P. Davis, James Davis, Larry Alton McClanahan, and his sister, Sylvia Annetta McClanahan Fryman.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 3 p.m., by Pastor Caleb Brewster at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday from 2 — 3 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Ann Constantino, 87, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Cleveland, OH, died Friday, March 29, 2024, at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral home in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

Garfield Couch, 84, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, March 31, 2024, at Norton Hosparus Inpatient Unit in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Marcia Ann Johnson, 68, of Commiskey, IN, died Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus, IN. Cremation was chosen and no services are scheduled.Arrangements by Grayson Funeral Home, www.graysonfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Ann McKinney, 64, died Friday, March 29, 2024. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral home of Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

James F. Seel, 81, of Madison, IN, died Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

BIRTHDAYS

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.
Sunset: 8:07 p.m.
Temperature: High 73, Low 64, Mean 68.5, Excess 13.9
Precipitation since last published: .26
Precipitation, March 2024: 1.94
Precipitation, April 2024: 0
Precipitation, 2024: 9.38
Barometer: 29.77, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.83, Steady
Forecast: Wednesday: Showers High 47/Low 35; Thursday: Snow/Rain High 46/Low 35; Friday: Mostly cloudy High 49/Low 30.

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

March 28, 2024

- Robert Wayne Behne, 34, Madison, on a Jefferson County Community Corrections warrant (revoke probation on drug charges). No bond.
- Austin McGaughey, 25, Dupont, Indiana, for Dealing in a Schedule I, II or III Substance, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule I, II, III, IV or V Substance, Possession of a Legend Drug or Precursor, Maintaining a Common Nuisance-2 Counts and Theft, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Marijuana-Prior Conviction, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
- Brandon Lee McGaughey, 34, Dupont, Indiana, for Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felony, a Level 4 felony; Dealing in a Schedule I, II or III Substance, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule I, II, III, IV or V Substance, Possession of a Legend Drug or Precursor, Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Theft, all Level 6 felonies; Theft-2 Counts, both Class A misdemeanors; and multiple Jefferson County warrants for failure to appear. No bond.
- Robert E. McGaughey II, 60, Dupont, Indiana, for Dealing in a Schedule I, II or III Substance, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule I, II, III, IV or V Substance, Possession of a Legend Drug or Precursor, Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Theft-4 Counts, all Level 6 felonies; and Theft, Possession of Marijuana and Resisting Law Enforcement, all Class A misdemeanors. No bond.
- Samuel Benjamin Nelson, 37, Madison, to serve a court-ordered sentence for probation violation. No bond.
- Ronny Lewis Oliver, 67, no address, for Operating a Vehicle While Inoxicated and Resisting Arrest, both Class A misdemeanors; and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

March 29, 2024

- Israel Lee Madden, 28, Madison, for Communication Intimidation-3 Counts, all Level 5 felonies; and Invasion of Privacy, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
- David D. Martin, 28, Cleveland, Tennessee, for failure to appear and on two misdemeanor Jefferson County bench warrants. Bond a combined $1,260 cash.
- Carlos Dewayne Smith Jr., 35, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond $5,005 cash.
- Michael Ray Stakelin, 55, Hanover, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (drug charges). Bond $2,500 cash.

March 30, 2024

- Arnold Ray Anglea, 60, Austin, Indiana, for Possession of a Legend Drug or Precursor, a Level 6 felony. Bond $1,000 cash.
- Brandon Dale Calopietro, 30, Hanover, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Bond $1,000 cash.
- Michael Shawn Martinez, 47, Jeffersonville, Indiana, on a warrant to hold for another Clark County (drug charges). No bond.
- Kevin Joel Sabie, 42, Jeffersonville, Indiana, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 5 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
- Jeffrey Wayne Vest, 33, Greencastle, Indiana, for False Identity Statement, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond $500 cash.

March 31, 2024

- Norman George Hackney, 42, Bedford, Kentucky, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony; and on a warrant to hold for Dearborn County (drug, nuisance and traffic charges). No bond.
- James Lee Haller, 36, Madison, for Battery, a Level 5 felony. No bond.
- Juan Angeles Reyes, 48, Clarksville, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony; and Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond a combined $2,250 cash.

April 1, 2024

- Michael Dustin Stephan, 42, Madison, on a court ordered sentencing for Level 6 probation violation, No bond.

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and numerous service awards and achievements. After his service in Vietnam, Crafton dedicated himself to a 30-year career in public education. A 1964 graduate of Southwestern High School, Crafton grew up in Saluda Township.

Crafton expressed appreciation to all Vietnam veterans from Jefferson County. "This kind of recognition is a long time coming. When we first came home we were not treated with dignity … There were certainly no thank yous and no welcome homes, so today let's rectify some of that injustice.

"This is a day of dedication and celebration. Vietnam veterans, this monument is of you, it is about you, and most importantly, it is because of you," Crafton said. "When you visit here, I hope you will remember. And if that's too painful, I hope you can forget. Regardless, I hope you will receive peace and solitude, and a feeling of a job well done. On behalf of a grateful nation and the citizens of Jefferson County, Indiana, thank you for your sacrifice. Welcome Home, Vietnam veterans, I salute you for a job well done."

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney also addressed the veterans in attendance and thanked them not only for their service then but for their service to the community in the decades since.

"After this war you came home. You became teachers, coaches, doctors, lawyers, construction workers, entrepreneurs and so many more other professions. Not only did you fight for us but you helped build our community, and your contributions have been profound," Courtney said. "I am so grateful to our veterans that have sacrificed so much that we can enjoy the freedoms and liberties that we have today, and today that gratitude is beautifully memorialized."

Commissioner David Bramer read a letter from Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb recognizing the occasion. "This memorial not only serves as a tribute to those who bravely fought and served but as a reminder to never take our freedoms and liberties for granted," Holcomb said.

Just before the ceremony began at 1 p.m. on Friday, Legion Riders arrived together by motorcycle and there was a flyover by a Huey helicopter — the type of helicopter that famously provided air support during Vietnam. There was a crowd estimated at more than 200 people who attended on the courthouse lawn.

Bob Demaree

A Huey helicopter, the same type that was prevalent during Vietnam, conducts a flyover at the beginning of Friday's dedication ceremony of the Jefferson County Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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Hoosier Lotto: 1-4-11-13-17-24 (3/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: $8.2 million. Next Drawing (4/3).

Cash Five: 3-11-12-27-31 (3/31)

Cash 4 Life: 25-38-44-55-57 CB: 4 (3/31)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 7-11-23-29 CB 11 (3/31)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 3-11-24-25-30 (3/31)

Lucky For Life: 1-4-13-26-27 LB: 1 (3/31)

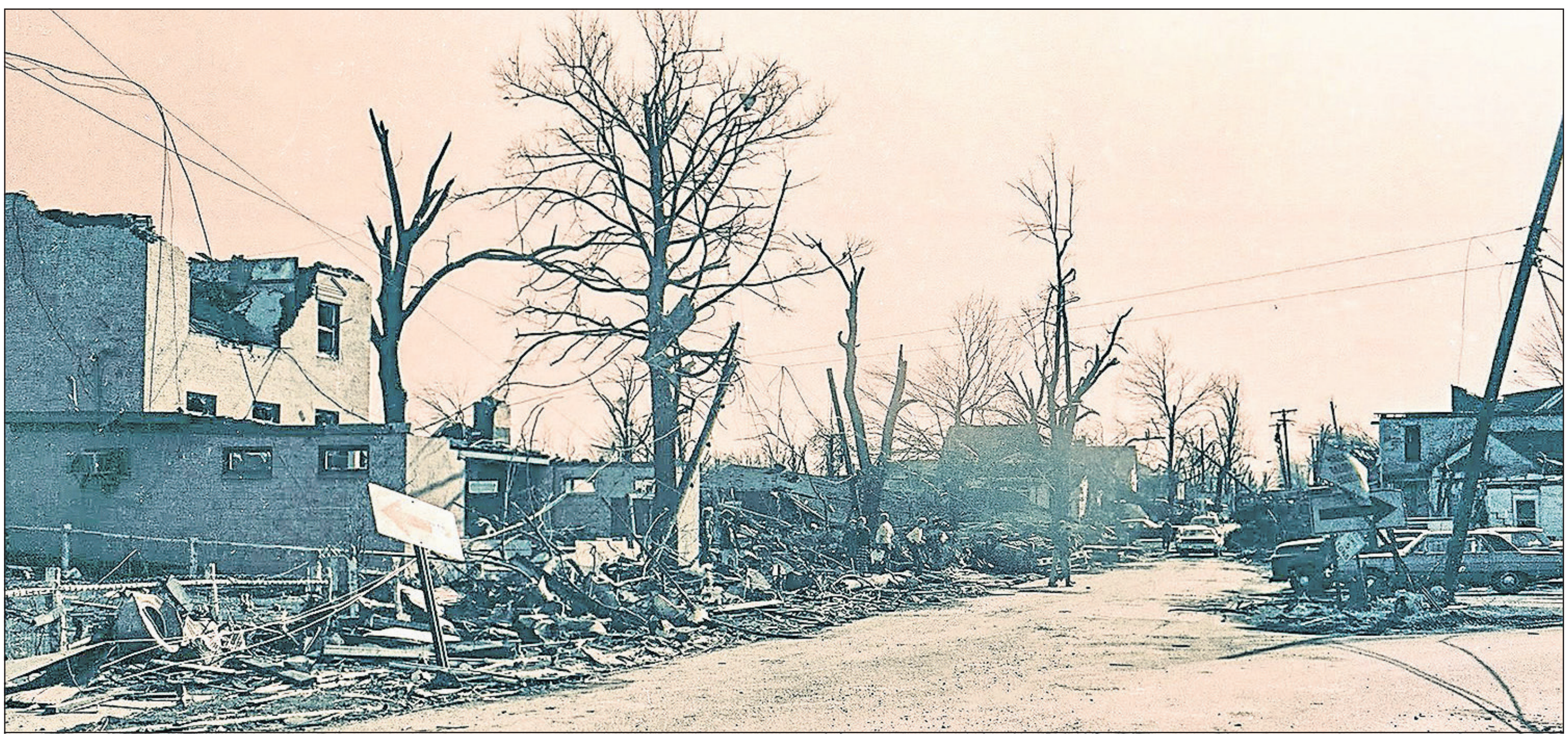
MEGAMILLIONS: 11-30-33-38-60 MB: 16, MP 4 (3/29). Next Jackpot: $36 million. Next Drawing (4/2)

POWERBALL: 12-13-33-50-52 PB: 23, PP 3 (3/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: $975 million. Next Drawing (4/1)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 20-29-43-57-63 PB: 16 (3/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (4/1)

50 YEARS AGO

Super tornado outbreak devastated Hanover, Madison

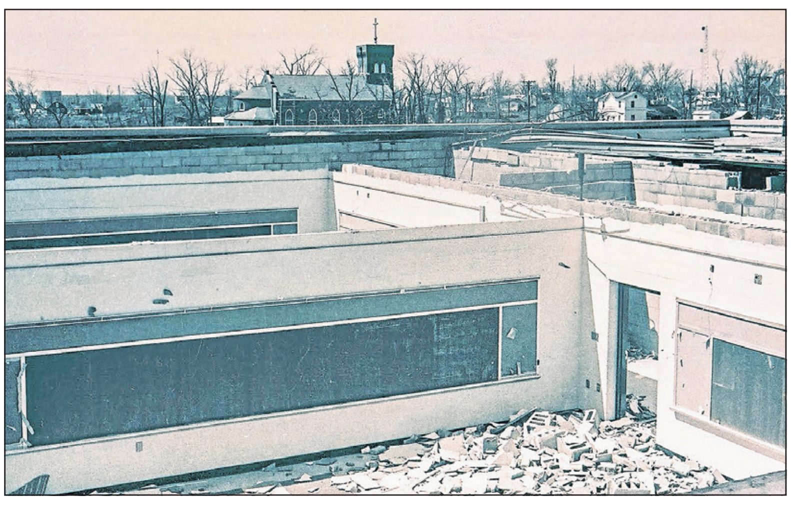


Photos by Courier file

Homes, apartments and businesses at the intersection of Green Road, Lanier Drive and Allen Street on Madison's hilltop were reduced to rumble and covered in their own debris and that of the demolished Barber Grocery warehouse on the opposite side of Lanier Drive.

An aerial phorograph of the Hanover College campus shows most buildings and homes damaged and some demolished as the storm inflicted more than $10 million in damage to the historic campus. The buildings were rebuilt, most in a design, architecture and materials that would leave most no wiser to the toll of the 1973 storm.

The kitchens and cafeterians of local schools — those that were left intact — were quickly set up ato feed storm victims, rescuers and other volunteers as the American Red Cross and Salvation Army rendered aide.



A chalkboard was intact but the roof and ceiling of Pope John Elementary was gone on State Street in Madison.

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Buildings at Southwestern schools in Hanover were either destroyed or damaged to the point of not being structurally sound.

THE MADISON COURIER

Death toll climbs to 9 from tornado

w police station to be headquarters coordinating tornado assistance

Utility services restored in most tornado-hit areas

Trees are first clean-up target at Hanover

A front page of The Madison Courier in the aftermath of the April 3, 1974 tornado that devastated Hanover and Madison, killing 11, injuring 190 and causing millions of dollars in destruction.

BY BOB DEMAREE

Fifty years ago tomorrow — late afternoon on April 3, 1974 — a devastating F4 tornado tore through Jefferson County resulting in 11 deaths, 190 injuries and millions of dollars in destruction to anything in its path.

The tornado, part of a Super Outbreak of 148 tornadoes that slammed 13 states and killed 319 in the most violent tornado outbreak ever recorded, demolished Southwestern schools and homes in Hanover, damaged and destroyed buildings on the Hanover College campus, ripped across Clifty Falls State Park and demolished the Clifty Inn, and rampaged through homes and businesses on Madison's hilltop while causing $3 million damage to Madison State Hospital.

Bob and Alanagh Pimlott had moved to Madison just two years before in 1972, but found themselves in the midst of the relief efforts when the tornado hit because their church, Hanover United Methodist, became a hub for the relief efforts in Hanover. The church, located at 220 East Lagrange Road, was a structure that survived the tornado without any damage, said Pimlott. "We just decided that because we didn't have any damage we would be a centralized place for the Hanover community, and it just snowballed from there."

The Rev. Steve Cherry was pastor of Hanover United Methodist Church from June 1971 to December 1974. At the time the tornado hit, he was in his office at the church. Because school was out for the day, there was a Girl Scout Brownie troop meeting in the church's Fellowship Hall.

"I'm sitting there, looking out my window and cars are screeching in, pulling in the driveway. Mothers are running down the driveway. I didn't know what had happened, so I then walked down the hallway, and everybody is under tables," Cherry said.

Cherry wanted to get to his family living in the nearby parsonage but hail was so severe that he had to wait 10 minutes on it to stop. "I still didn't know what had happened until I looked out across the street and saw trailers turned upside down."

One of the hardest hit areas in Hanover was the subdivision across from Southwestern Jefferson County Schools "where the majority of our church members lived at the time. When I learned what had been hit, I went over to that subdivision," said Cherry.

He found a woman with her head split open that he and a teenager "literally, his hands and mine, held her head together," and we rode on a fire truck down to King's Daughters' Hospital in downtown Madison. "She lived and survived," said Cherry, who ended up staying at the hospital and "holding a flashlight for the doctors while they sewed people up" because power was out. Cherry didn't return home until about 3 a.m. that night.

One of the church members in the subdivision across from the schools was Thelma Mullett. The tornado took the whole top of her family's split-level house. "We had major, major damage," she said, adding that they were fortunate that the house was determined to be structurally sound. They lived in a trailer until October of that year while the house was being rebuilt so the family could safely live there again.

When the tornado struck, Mullett gathered with three of her children, two neighbors, and her husband, Fred, in the family room of her home on Joe's Lane. Fred Mullett had just returned home before the storm hit from his job teaching French and German at Hanover College. "He had the radio on in the car, and had heard where the tornado had hit Chelsea."

After the tornado passed, Thelma said, "We went up the street to check on people," and found Kathryn Lawson, 38, who had died from injuries in the storm, and her 2-year son, Marc Thomas Lawson, who had suffered a major head injury.

With only a cracked windshield in their station wagon, Fred and Thelma Mullett tried to drive the baby to King's Daughters' Hospital "but all the roads were blocked" so they headed to a nearby clinic where they were told to take the baby to University Hospital in Louisville. "I had the baby in my arms and they gave me a blanket for the baby, but the baby died on the way down to Louisville."

Cherry said he had baptized Marc Lawson just "a few weeks prior" to the tornado. Both he and his mother were members of Hanover United Methodist Church.

Members of the church were hard hit by the tornado. With the death of the Lawsons the church not only had two members who were killed, but also approximately 30 families that either lost homes or were severely damage. "We were completely devastated," said Cherry.

But the church still came together to help the community. "There were people who lost their homes and were serving in the kitchen the next week," said Cherry. "The people in the church came together. It was unbelievable. They just bonded together, whether affected or not, they were involved through the church to reach out to other people,"

Cherry said those who helped out at the church went beyond the membership. Help was also provided by Hanover Presbyterian Church, Hanover Baptist Church and other people in the community. "We had people from all kinds of backgrounds, religious beliefs participating and supporting. The church was a center where people came to serve and serve from," he said.

The church also benefited from United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization founded in 1940 that focuses on providing humanitarian relief in which 100% of all donations go directly to disaster areas being served. "We had volunteers from all over the place. We had work teams that came in that slept in our sanctuary," said Pimlott. "We had people volunteering. We had money that was sent and we distributed to people who needed it. At one point, we had six dump trucks sent by the United Methodist Church just to load the debris to get it out. The support of the community and the volunteers was just incredible."

He said UMCOR also provided direction the church desperately needed. Sam Phillips, who at the time was the state UMCOR coordinator, came to lead the effort. "He helped us figure out what the next step was, and organize us because we had no clue. There was no playback," said Pimlott, noting no one from Hanover was prepared at that time to know the best way to run the relief efforts.

Phillips was on hand for a week, and then turned relief efforts over to the Hanover United Methodist Church team to continue the operation. "I remember him saying, you guys are doing so well, I think I can go, and we thought that was a nice compliment."

Cherry said, "UMCOR backed away shortly. Red Cross saw what we were doing so went to Madison and focused on helping the people there."

Pimlott was actually out of town when the tornado hit. "I was at a convention in Canada" and wasn't aware of the devastation and destruction until he got home. "As I drove through, I just cried," he said.

Pimlott lives on Madison's hilltop, but his neighborhood on Van Buren Drive wasn't impacted by the tornado, but many other neighborhoods nearby were hard hit. "We were very blessed. That also freed my wife and I up. We didn't have to worry about our house and the insurance and all that goes along with it, and that gave us the freedom to just be out there" in Hanover, committed to the relief efforts there.

The church was the place that people would bring items to help families. "We didn't have Sunday School several weeks because every Sunday school room was full almost to the ceiling with boxes," said Cherry, noting the church kitchen, where meals were prepared for volunteers, and the sanctuary, where volunteers slept and worship services were held, were the only open spaces in the building. "It was where everybody brought all their items to volunteer to give and share."

Since then, the church has taken steps to be more prepared to provide relief in emergency situations. When the church decided to expand its Fellowship Hall, it installed a shower and extra bathroom to make that available for relief volunteers. Pimlott noted that when an EF-4 tornado hit Henryville and Chelsea in March 2, 2012, UMCOR volunteers stayed at Hanover United Methodist Church.

Just a few weeks ago, when an EF-2 tornado caused damage in Hanover and the Sandy Beach area in Jefferson County and Milton in Trimble County, Pimlott said UMCOR volunteers again used the church, and having facilities available for relief volunteers proved valuable. "They were very pleased with that because they were headed to the next place, and told us (without those facilities) they probably would not get a shower for three or four days" because they weren't going to be available at the next location.

Though the April 3, 1974 tornado brought devastation to people's lives, Pimlott said it also brought out the best in the people in the community. "There were a lot of people who dedicated days and days out there just doing whatever needed to be done next. It was people helping people."

It's that spirit of helpfulness and people working together in the aftermath of the1974 tornado that Cherry wishes could be more prevalent 50 years later in 2024.

"From the devastation of that tornado, there was healing when people came together. Today in the culture that we live, there is so much separation and division, I just hope for healing and that people can come together," he said.

Events to commemorate April 3, 1974, set for this week

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Events coming this week in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the April 3, 1974 tornado that devasted Jefferson County.

- A 50-year remembrance ceremony will be at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday on the patio of the J. Graham Brown Campus Center at Hanover College. Speakers will include Lake Lambert, Hanover College President; Rev. Catherine Knott, Ball Family Chaplain; and Elaine Kops-Bedel, a 1974 Hanover College graduate. A moment of silence will be held at 3:51 p.m., the same time the tornado struck the Hanover College campus damaging more than 30 buildings of which two were destroyed.
- A service of remembrance will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East Lagrange Road, Hanover, which became a hub for relief during the 1974 tornado.
- The Weather Channel's veteran severe-weather expert Dr. Greg Forbes will provide his unique insight into the 1974 Super Tornado Outbreak that caused damage throughout Jefferson County during a presentation at Hanover College's Fitzgibbon Recital Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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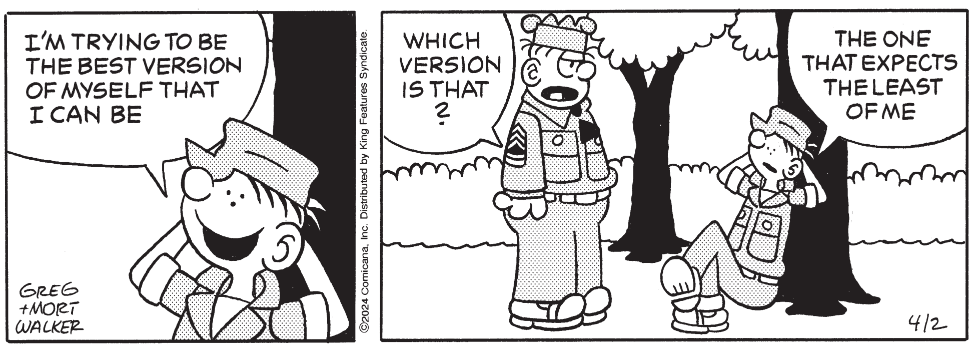
I'M TRYING TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF MYSELF THAT I CAN BE
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WHICH VERSION IS THAT ?
THE ONE THAT EXPECTS THE LEAST OF ME
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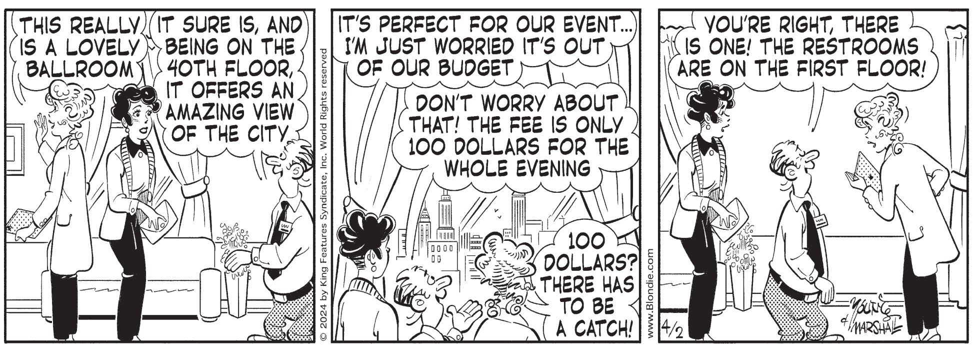
THIS REALLY IS A LOVELY BALLROOM
IT SURE IS, AND BEING ON THE 40TH FLOOR, IT OFFERS AN AMAZING VIEW OF THE CITY
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IT'S PERFECT FOR OUR EVENT... I'M JUST WORRIED IT'S OUT OF OUR BUDGET
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! THE FEE IS ONLY 100 DOLLARS FOR THE WHOLE EVENING
100 DOLLARS? THERE HAS TO BE A CATCH!
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YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE IS ONE! THE RESTROOMS ARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR!
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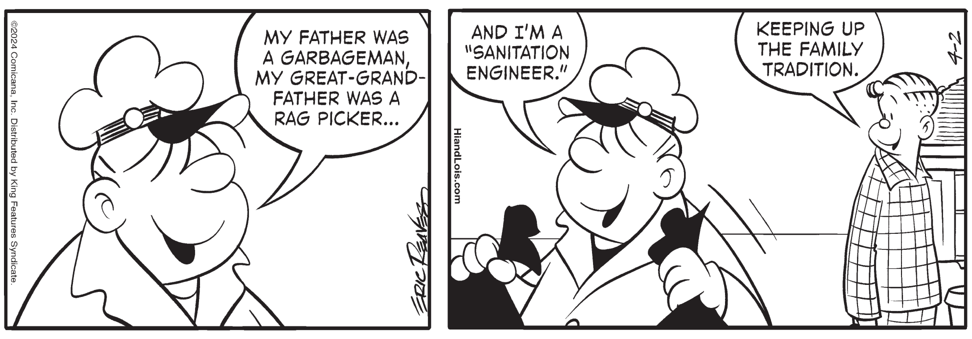
YOUNG & MARSHALL

HI & LOIS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MY FATHER WAS A GARBAGEMAN, MY GREAT-GRAND-FATHER WAS A RAG PICKER...
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AND I'M A "SANITATION ENGINEER."
KEEPING UP THE FAMILY TRADITION.
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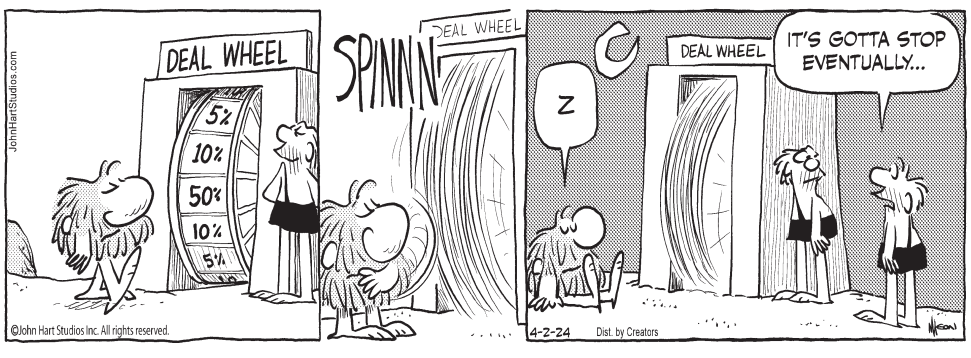
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IT'S GOTTA STOP EVENTUALLY...
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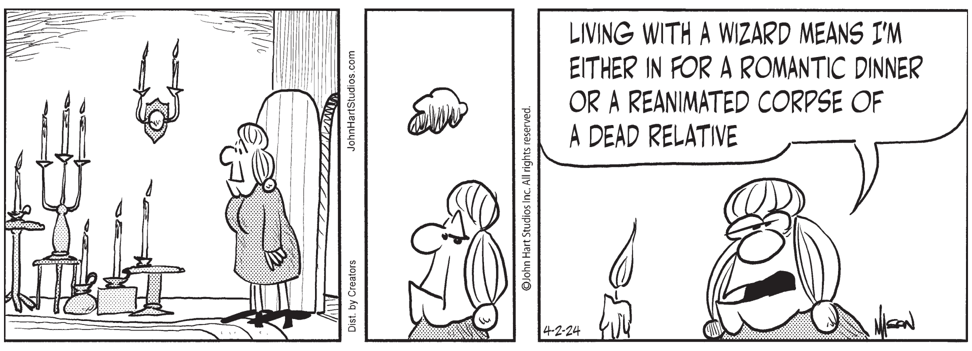
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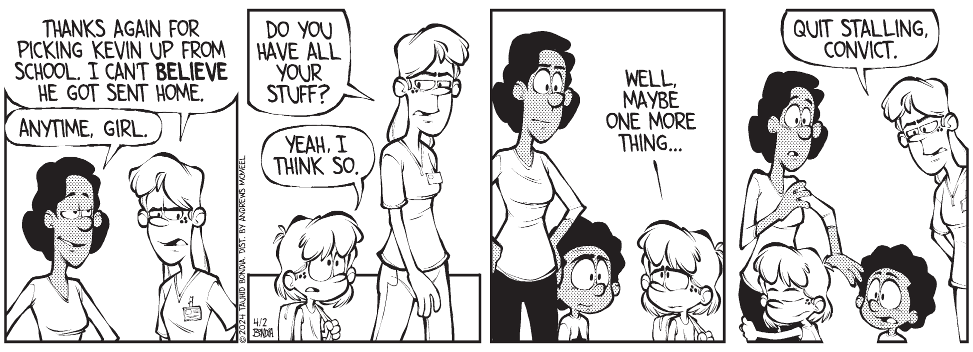
THANKS AGAIN FOR PICKING KEVIN UP FROM SCHOOL. I CAN'T BELIEVE HE GOT SENT HOME.
ANYTIME, GIRL.
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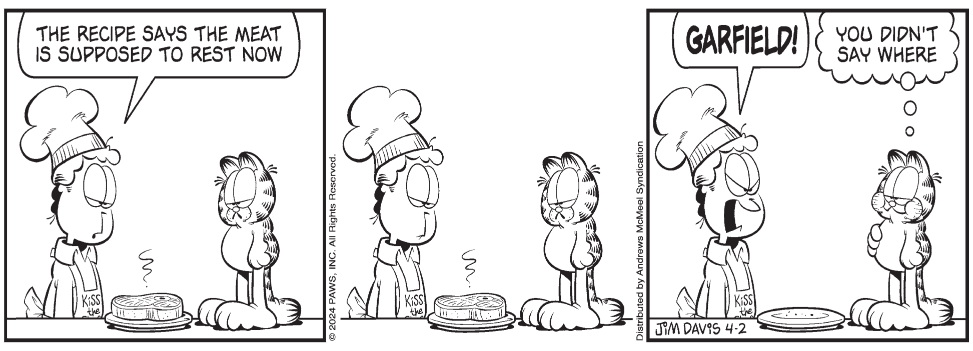
4/2 BONDIA
DO YOU HAVE ALL YOUR STUFF?
YEAH, I THINK SO.
WELL, MAYBE ONE MORE THING...
QUIT STALLING, CONVICT.

GARFIELD


THE RECIPE SAYS THE MEAT IS SUPPOSED TO REST NOW
KISS the
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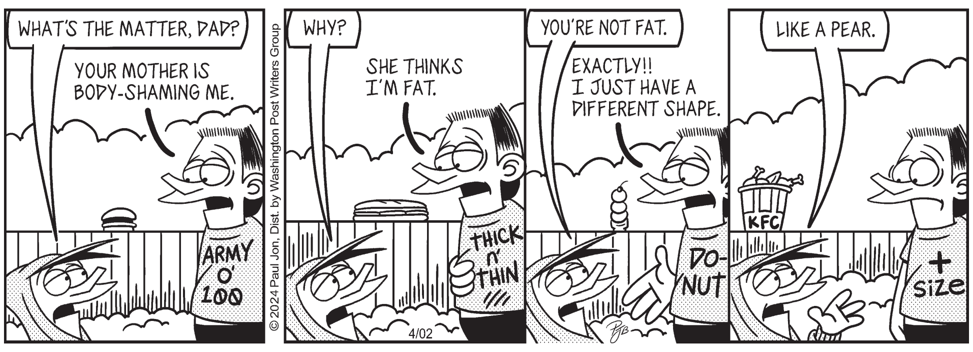
GARFIELD!
YOU DIDN'T SAY WHERE
JIM DAVIS 4-2

FORT KNOX


WHAT'S THE MATTER, DAD?
YOUR MOTHER IS BODY-SHAMING ME.
ARMY O' 100
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WHY?
SHE THINKS I'M FAT.
THICK n' THIN
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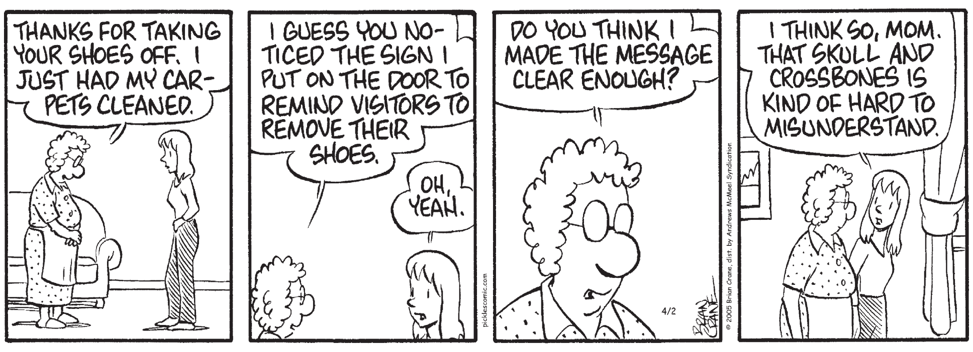
YOU'RE NOT FAT.
EXACTLY!! I JUST HAVE A DIFFERENT SHAPE.
DO-NUT
LIKE A PEAR.
KFC
+ SIZE

PICKLES


THANKS FOR TAKING YOUR SHOES OFF. I JUST HAD MY CARPETS CLEANED.
I GUESS YOU NOTICED THE SIGN I PUT ON THE DOOR TO REMIND VISITORS TO REMOVE THEIR SHOES.
OH, YEAH.
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DO YOU THINK I MADE THE MESSAGE CLEAR ENOUGH?
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I THINK SO, MOM. THAT SKULL AND CROSSBONES IS KIND OF HARD TO MISUNDERSTAND.

FAMILY CIRCUS

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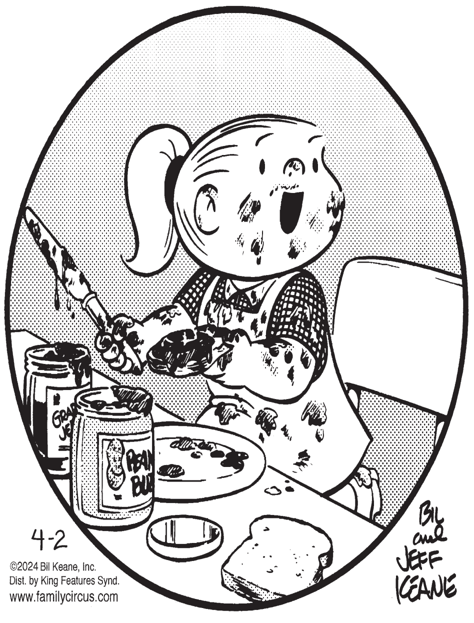
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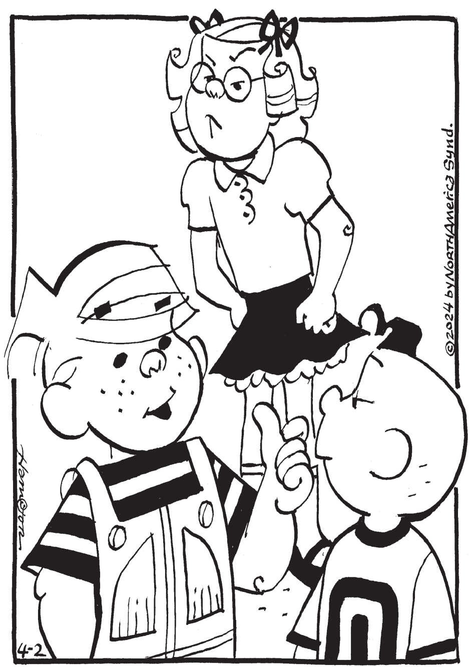
BIL and JEFF KEANE

"Know what, Mommy? I'm wearin' the layered look — a layer of peanut butter, a layer of jelly ..."

DENNIS THE MENACE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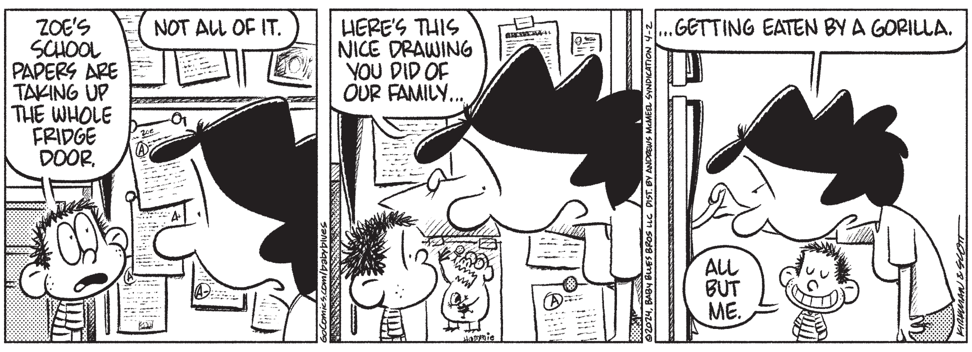
"I DON'T THINK A STORK BROUGHT MARGARET. I THINK IT WAS MORE LIKE A *PTERODACTYL*."

BABY BLUES


ZOE'S SCHOOL PAPERS ARE TAKING UP THE WHOLE FRIDGE DOOR.
NOT ALL OF IT.
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HERE'S THIS NICE DRAWING YOU DID OF OUR FAMILY...
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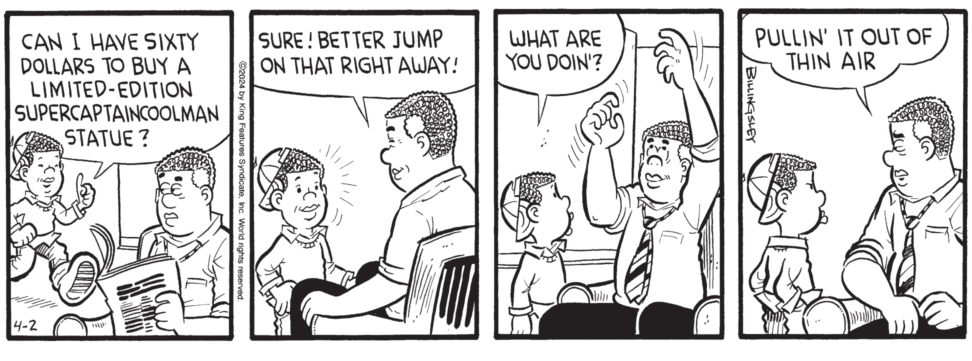
...GETTING EATEN BY A GORILLA.
ALL BUT ME.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

CURTIS


CAN I HAVE SIXTY DOLLARS TO BUY A LIMITED-EDITION SUPERCAPTAINCOOLMAN STATUE ?
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SURE ! BETTER JUMP ON THAT RIGHT AWAY !
WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?
PULLIN' IT OUT OF THIN AIR
BILLINGSLEY

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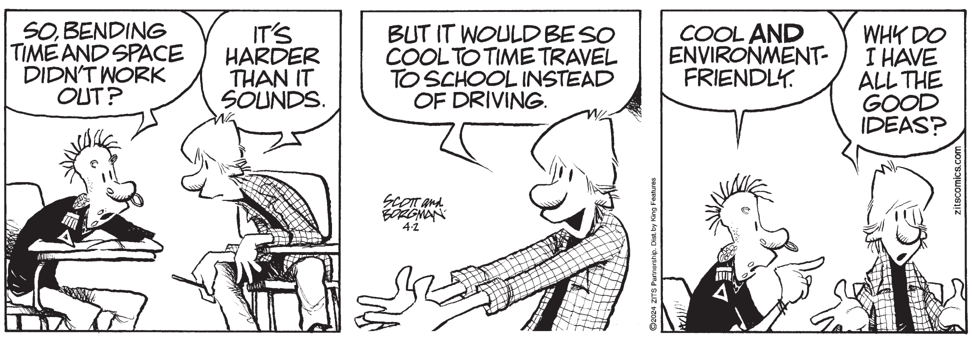
SO, BENDING TIME AND SPACE DIDN'T WORK OUT?
IT'S HARDER THAN IT SOUNDS.
BUT IT WOULD BE SO COOL TO TIME TRAVEL TO SCHOOL INSTEAD OF DRIVING.
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 4-2
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COOL AND ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY.
WHY DO I HAVE ALL THE GOOD IDEAS?
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 2005, John Paul II, the Polish pope born Karol Józef Wojtyła, who became one of the most influential leaders of the 20th and early 21st centuries while working to build a moral foundation in the modern world and playing a crucial role in overthrowing communism, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

On this date:

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and her grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece; the remaining 110 passengers survived.

In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life, and died in prison.

In 1995, after a work stoppage lasting nearly eight months, baseball owners accepted the players' union offer to play without a contract.

In 2002, Israel seized control of Bethlehem; Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, where they began a 39-day standoff.

In 2003, during the Iraq War, American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline.

In 2007, in its first case on climate change, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, ruled 5-4 that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases were air pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

In 2012, a gunman killed seven people at Oikos University, a Christian school in Oakland, California. (The shooter, One Goh, died in 2019 while serving a life prison sentence.)

In 2013, North Korea said it would restart its long-shuttered plutonium reactor and increase production of nuclear weapons material in what outsiders saw as its latest attempt to extract U.S. concessions by raising fears of war.

In 2017, Coach Dawn Staley and South Carolina won their first women's NCAA championship with a 67-55 victory over Mississippi State.

In 2018, anti-apartheid activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, who'd been married for nearly 38 years to Nelson Mandela, died in a Johannesburg hospital at age 81.

In 2020, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide passed the 1 million mark, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

In 2021, rapper DMX was rushed from his home to a suburban New York hospital after going into cardiac arrest; he died a week later.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dame Penelope Keith is 84. Actor Linda Hunt is 79. Singer Emmylou Harris is 77. Actor Sam Anderson is 77. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is 77. Actor Pamela Reed is 75. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 75. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 63. Actor Christopher Meloni is 63. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 63. Country singer Billy Dean is 62. Actor Clark Gregg is 62. Actor Jana Marie Hupp is 60. Rock musician Greg Camp is 57. Actor Roselyn Sanchez is 51. Country singer Jill King is 49. Actor Pedro Pascal is 49. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 49. Actor Michael Fassbender is 47. Actor Jaime Ray Newman is 46. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 45. Actor Bethany Joy Lenz is 43. Singer Lee Dewyze (TV: "American Idol") is 38. Country singer Chris Janson is 38. Actor Drew Van Acker is 38. Actor Briga Heelan (TV: "Great News") is 37. Actor Jesse Plemons is 36. Singer Aaron Kelly (TV: "American Idol") is 31.

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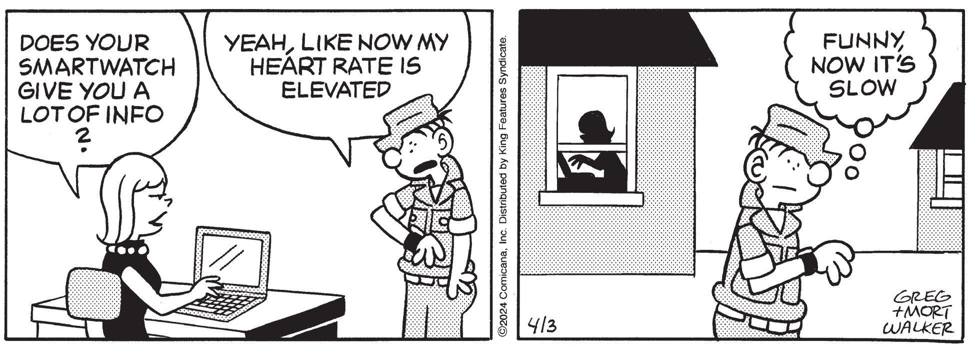
DOES YOUR SMARTWATCH GIVE YOU A LOT OF INFO ?
YEAH, LIKE NOW MY HEART RATE IS ELEVATED
FUNNY, NOW IT'S SLOW
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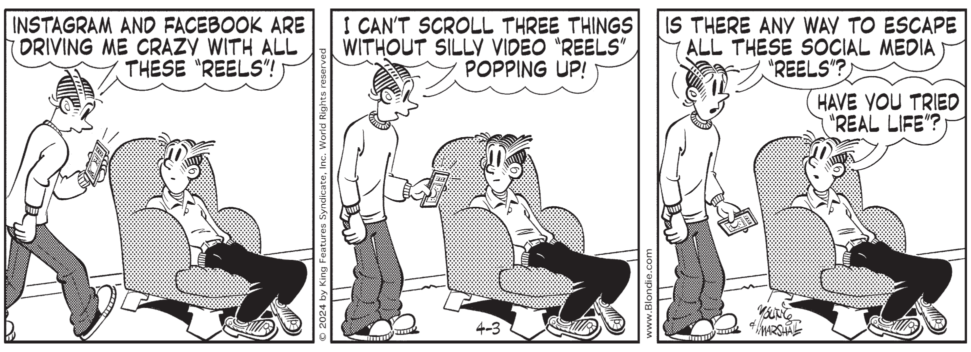
INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY WITH ALL THESE "REELS"!
I CAN'T SCROLL THREE THINGS WITHOUT SILLY VIDEO "REELS" POPPING UP!
IS THERE ANY WAY TO ESCAPE ALL THESE SOCIAL MEDIA "REELS"?
HAVE YOU TRIED "REAL LIFE"?
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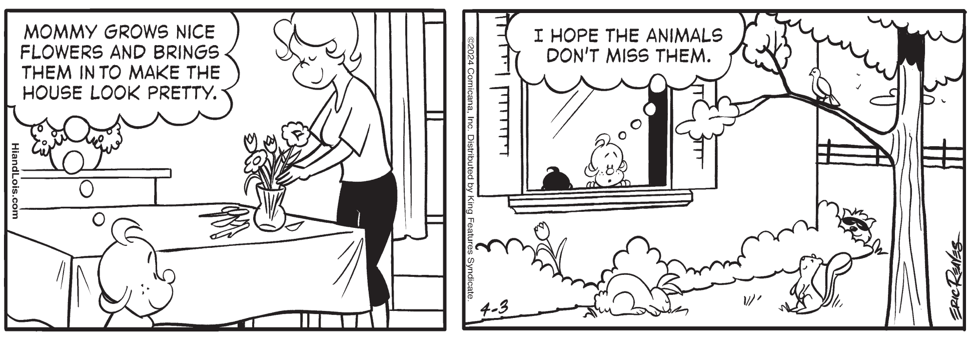
YOUNG & MARSHALL

HI & LOIS


MOMMY GROWS NICE FLOWERS AND BRINGS THEM IN TO MAKE THE HOUSE LOOK PRETTY.
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I HOPE THE ANIMALS DON'T MISS THEM.
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ERIC REAVES

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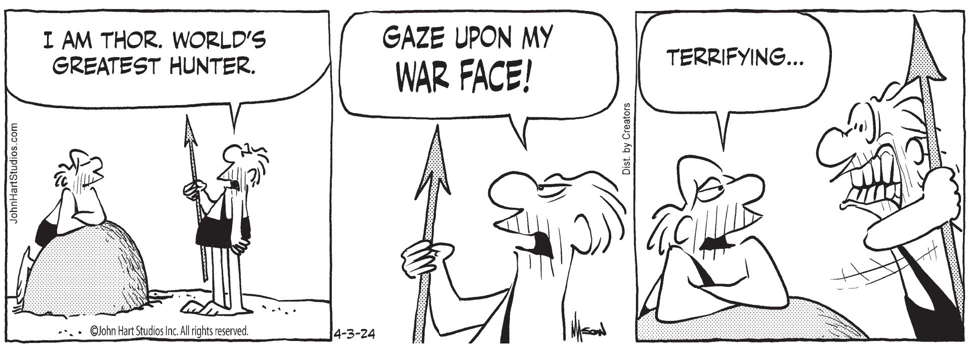
I AM THOR. WORLD'S GREATEST HUNTER.
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GAZE UPON MY WAR FACE!
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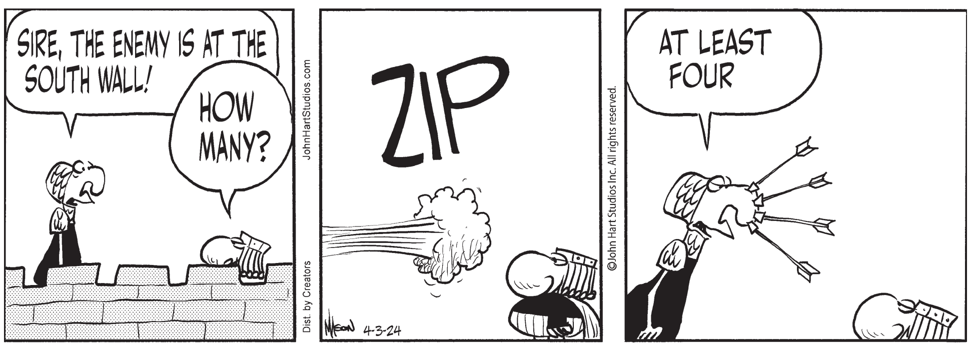
TERRIFYING...

WIZARD OF ID


SIRE, THE ENEMY IS AT THE SOUTH WALL!
HOW MANY?
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MASON 4-3-24
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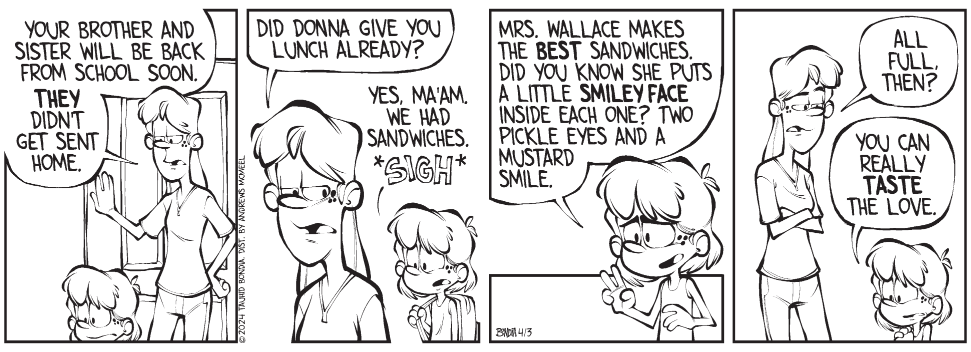
AT LEAST FOUR

CRABGRASS


YOUR BROTHER AND SISTER WILL BE BACK FROM SCHOOL SOON.
THEY DIDN'T GET SENT HOME.
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DID DONNA GIVE YOU LUNCH ALREADY?
YES, MA'AM. WE HAD SANDWICHES. *SIGH*
MRS. WALLACE MAKES THE BEST SANDWICHES. DID YOU KNOW SHE PUTS A LITTLE SMILEY FACE INSIDE EACH ONE? TWO PICKLE EYES AND A MUSTARD SMILE.
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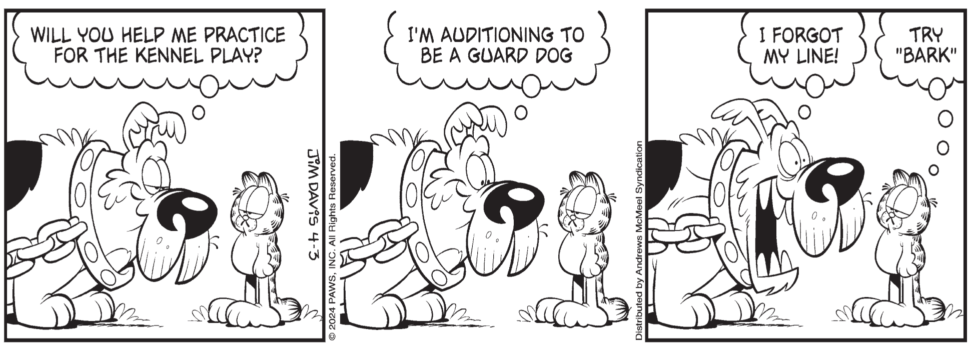
ALL FULL, THEN?
YOU CAN REALLY TASTE THE LOVE.

GARFIELD


WILL YOU HELP ME PRACTICE FOR THE KENNEL PLAY?
JIM DAVIS 4-3
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I'M AUDITIONING TO BE A GUARD DOG
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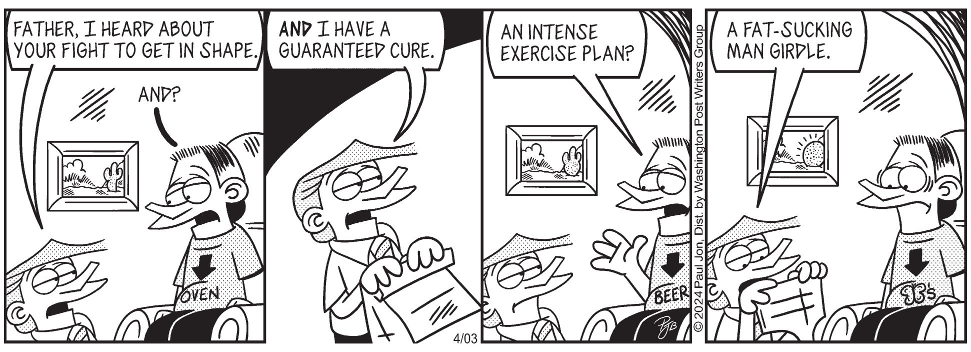
I FORGOT MY LINE!
TRY "BARK"

FORT KNOX


FATHER, I HEARD ABOUT YOUR FIGHT TO GET IN SHAPE.
AND?
OVEN
AND I HAVE A GUARANTEED CURE.
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AN INTENSE EXERCISE PLAN?
BEER
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A FAT-SUCKING MAN GIRDLE.
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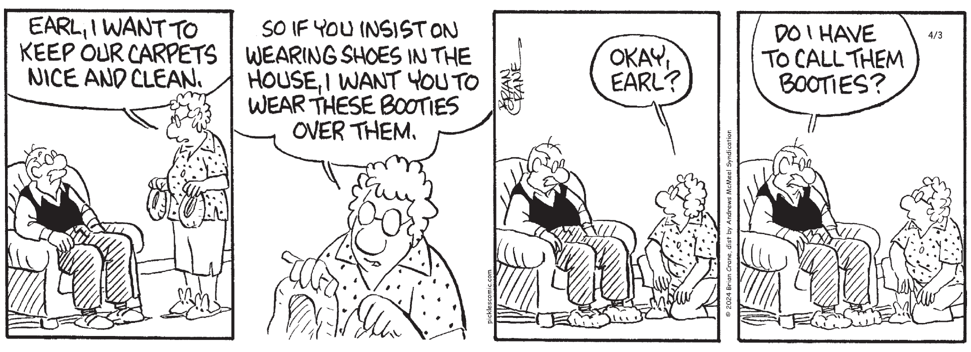
PICKLES


EARL, I WANT TO KEEP OUR CARPETS NICE AND CLEAN.
SO IF YOU INSIST ON WEARING SHOES IN THE HOUSE, I WANT YOU TO WEAR THESE BOOTIES OVER THEM.
BRIAN CRANE
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OKAY, EARL?
DO I HAVE TO CALL THEM BOOTIES?
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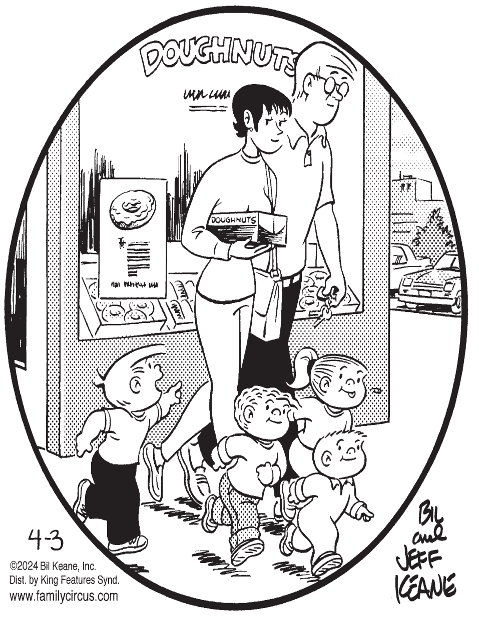
DOUGHNUTS
DOUGHNUTS
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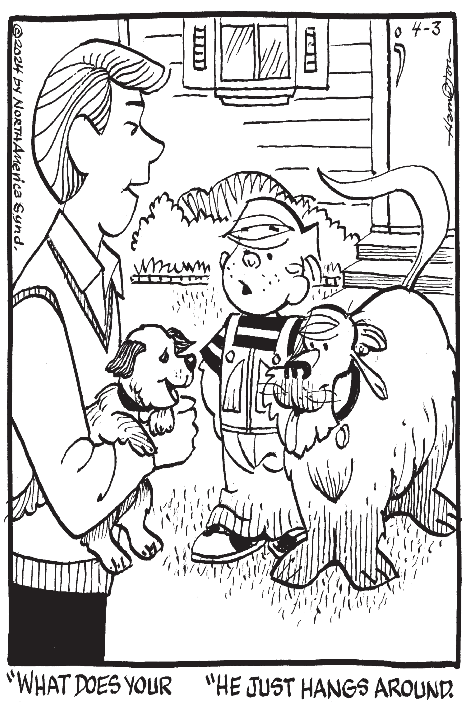
BIL and JEFF KEANE

"It's lucky our family comes out even. Out of a dozen doughnuts we each get two!"

DENNIS THE MENACE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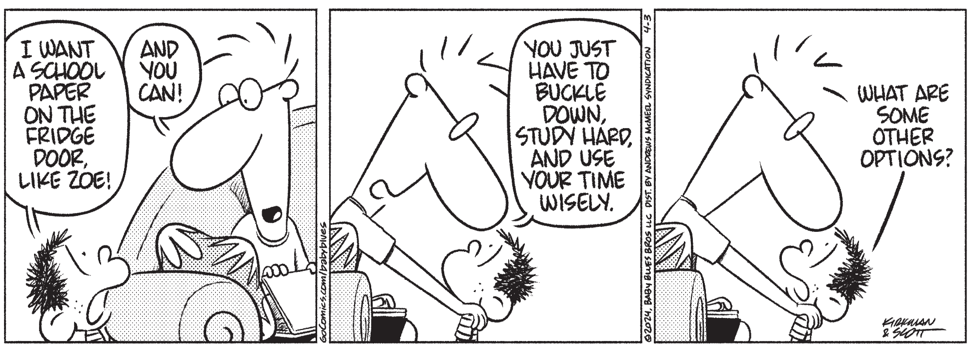
Hamilton

"WHAT DOES YOUR DOG DO? "HE JUST HANGS AROUND. WHAT DOES YOUR DOG DO?"

BABY BLUES


I WANT A SCHOOL PAPER ON THE FRIDGE DOOR, LIKE ZOE!
AND YOU CAN!
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YOU JUST HAVE TO BUCKLE DOWN, STUDY HARD, AND USE YOUR TIME WISELY.
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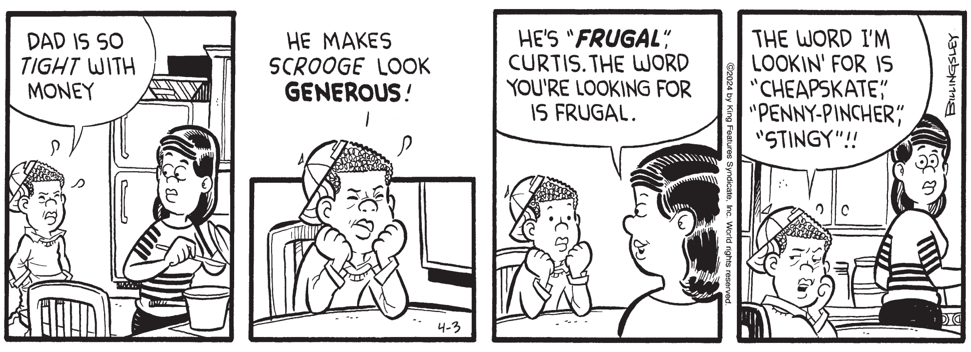
WHAT ARE SOME OTHER OPTIONS?
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

CURTIS


DAD IS SO TIGHT WITH MONEY
HE MAKES SCROOGE LOOK GENEROUS!
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HE'S "FRUGAL", CURTIS. THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS FRUGAL.
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THE WORD I'M LOOKIN' FOR IS "CHEAPSKATE", "PENNY-PINCHER", "STINGY"!!
BILLINGSLEY

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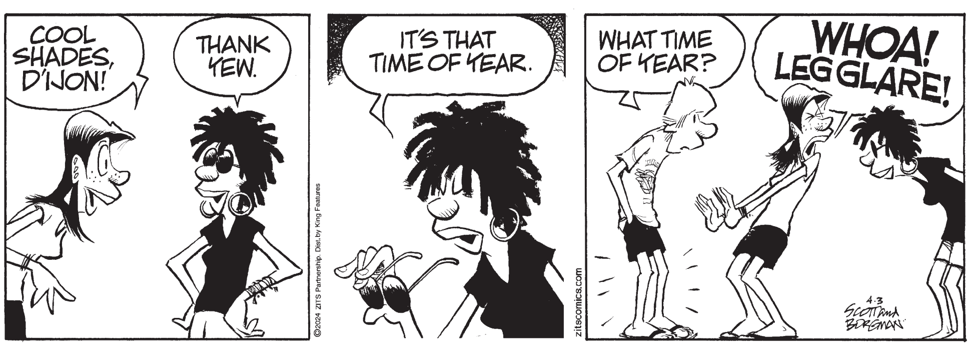
COOL SHADES, D'IJON!
THANK YEW.
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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR.
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WHAT TIME OF YEAR?
WHOA! LEG GLARE!
4-3 SCOTT AND BORGMAN

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that "I've been to the mountaintop" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

On this date:

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Smith v. Allwright, struck down a Democratic Party of Texas rule that allowed only white voters to participate in Democratic primaries.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism.

In 1973, the first handheld portable telephone was demonstrated for reporters on a New York City street corner as Motorola executive Martin Cooper called Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs.

In 1974, deadly tornadoes began hitting wide parts of the South and Midwest before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted from what became known as the Super Outbreak.

In 1978, at the Academy Awards, Woody Allen's "Annie Hall" was named best picture of 1977; its co-star, Diane Keaton, won best actress while Richard Dreyfuss was honored as best actor for "The Goodbye Girl."

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested at his remote Montana cabin.

In 2012, Mitt Romney tightened his grip on the Republican presidential nomination, sweeping primaries in Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

In 2013, Oscar-winning screenwriter and award-winning novelist Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, 85, died in New York.

In 2014, David Letterman announced during a taping of the "Late Show" on CBS that he would retire as host in 2015. (Stephen Colbert was named as his replacement a week later.)

In 2017, a divided Senate Judiciary Committee panel voted 11-9 along party lines to favorably recommend Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch to the full Senate.

In 2020, President Donald Trump announced new federal guidelines recommending that Americans wear face coverings when in public to help fight the spread of the coronavirus, but Trump immediately said he had no intention of following that advice himself; he said he could not envision himself covering his face while sitting in the Oval Office greeting world leaders.

In 2022, Ukrainian authorities found bodies with bound hands, close-range gunshot wounds and signs of torture scattered in a city on the outskirts of Kyiv after the withdrawal of Russian troops.

Today's Birthdays: Conservationist Jane Goodall is 90. Actor William Gaunt is 87. Songwriter Jeff Barry is 86. Actor Eric Braeden is 83. Actor Marsha Mason is 82. Singer Wayne Newton is 82. Singer Tony Orlando is 80. Comedy writer Pat Proft is 77. Folk-rock singer Richard Thompson is 75. Country musician Curtis Stone (Highway 101) is 74. Blues singer-guitarist John Mooney is 69. Rock musician Mick Mars (Motley Crue) is 68. Actor Alec Baldwin is 66. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 65. Rock singer John Thomas Griffith (Cowboy Mouth) is 64. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 63. Rock singer-musician Mike Ness (Social Distortion) is 62. Rock singer Sebastian Bach is 56. Rock musician James MacDonough (Megadeth) is 54. Olympic gold medal ski racer Picabo Street is 53. Actor Jennie Garth is 52. Actor Jamie Bamber is 51. Actor Adam Scott is 51. Christian rock musician Drew Shirley (Switchfoot) is 50. Comedian Aries Spears is 49. Actor Matthew Goode is 46. Actor Cobie Smulders is 42. Rock-pop singer Leona Lewis is 39. Former actor Amanda Bynes is 38. Actor-comedian Rachel Bloom is 37. Actor Hayley Kiyoko is 33. Rock musician Sam Kiszka (Greta Van Fleet) is 25.

Dream comes true with opening of new playground

BY BOB DEMAREE

The dream of building a community playground in Dupont — the vision of Dupont resident Dawn Jines — has come true to provide a safe place where children in the town can play.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Saturday for the official grand opening of the playground and park with dozens of families turning out to enjoy it and participate in an Easter egg hunt and other games.

"Every day we come over there are tons and tons of kids, which really makes our hearts happy to see that," said Jines.

The grassroots project received support from the Bethany Legacy Foundation (BLF), the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC), and more than 300 other donors.

"I thank everybody for coming out today" to celebrate the new playground and park, said Jines who expressed appreciation for the donations and support the project received. "I'm just so happy that this is happening today."

Jines shared credit to the town's playground committee. "I couldn't have done this without my committee," she noted.

Bill Barnes, CFMJC president and CEO, said the effort began to move forward when Jines met with him in September of 2022 to share her dream of a playground in Dupont.

"She certainly had a lot of help," said Barnes, who named many others who helped to develop the project. "But it starts with that vision, and it was humbling to see that from the beginning. It's also incredible to see this park and I just think that what happened here is more than a playground and park. That's what they set out to build but what happened is they built community support and engagement, and most importantly what's been built here is a shining example for young adults and youth to see what is possible."

Dora Anim, president and CEO of BLF, said, "We have great joy and humility that we are here for this historic day. What you have done here is nothing short of incredible. From the Bethany Legacy Foundation on behalf of our staff, board and members, congratulations. We want you to know that we are rooting for you. This is way more than a playground. This represents health, mental health, growth, economic development, families and community development. We are just proud of what you have accomplished today."

In addition to modern playground equipment, there is a full basketball court, a shelter area with picnic tables and a grill, and Jefferson County's first zipline in a public park. The only part of the project that wasn't ready for Saturday's ribbon-cutting ceremony was the park's restroom that is awaiting leak repairs.

Special recognition was given to Patricia Angelynn Newman, a 14-year-old who died on June 30, 2000, after she was struck by a vehicle while crossing State Road 7. The park was dedicated in her memory, and includes a bench with her name, along with the day she was born, Nov. 15, 1985, and the date that she died.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Dawn Jines (left holding scissors) and Robyn Meek, Dupont clerk-treasurer (right holding scissors) together cut the ribbon for the Dupont Community Park's grand opening on Saturday.

Dozens of children scurry after Easter eggs during the hunt held Saturday at the grand opening of the new Dupont Community Park.

Children gather up eggs while parents and grandparents help and video the action at the Easter Egg Hunt during the grand opening Saturday of the Dupont Community Park.

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PATRICIA ANGELYNN NEWMAN
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The new Dupont Community Park includes a bench in memory of Patricia Angelynn Newman, a 14-year old girl who died June 30, 2000, after she was struck by a vehicle while crossing State Road 7. Her family members gather around the bench during the grand opening ceremony of the park on Saturday.

Children enjoy a merry-go-round at Dupont Community Park during the park's grand opening on Saturday.

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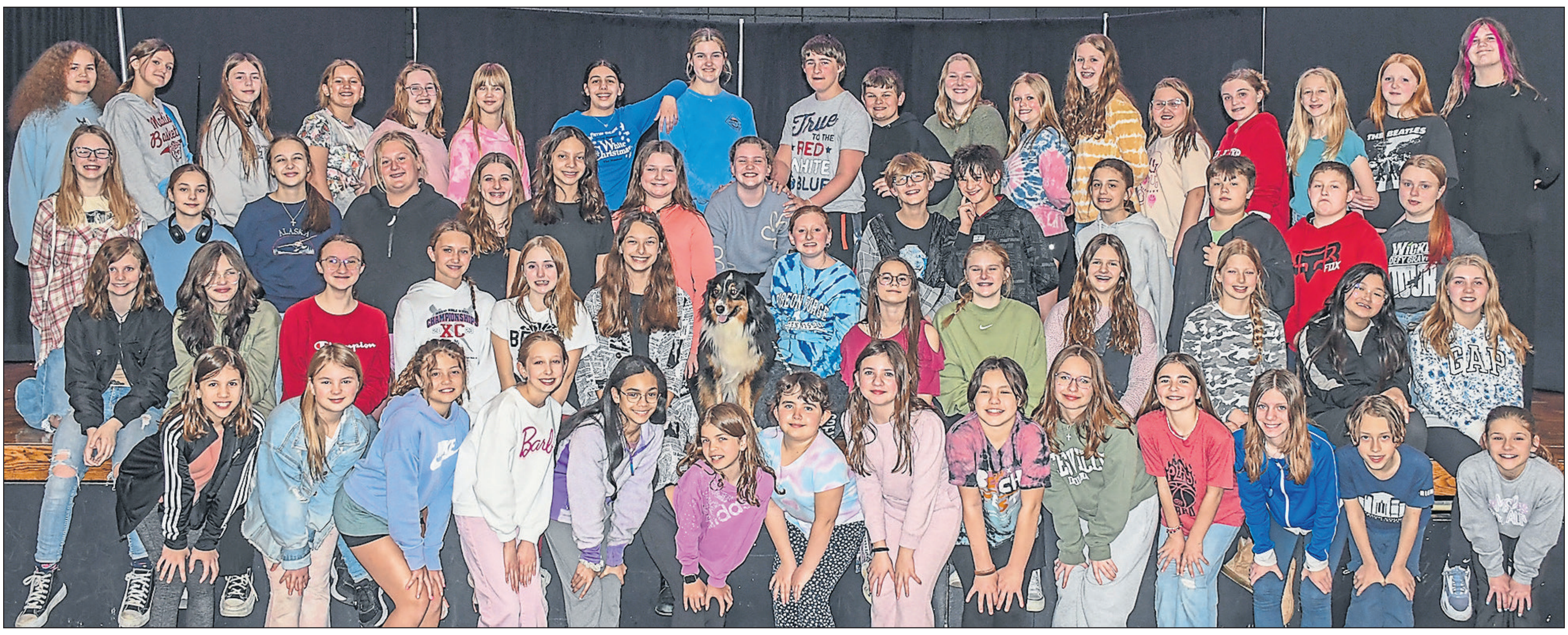

Madison Junior High School students will be performing Annie Jr. on Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Opal E. Sherman. It's first time a MJHS play wil have a live animal perform in a production. Gus, owned by Esme Reece just right of Gus, will play the dog Sandy.

MJHS students to perform musical 'Annie Jr.' this week

BY BOB DEMAREE

A live animal will appear on stage for the first time in a Madison Junior High School theatre production, when "Annie Jr." is performed this week at Opal E. Sherman Auditorium.

Gus, a dog owned by MJHS student Esme Reece, will be performing the role of Sandy, befriended by Annie, played by Kate Miller. "It's been awesome," said play director Lindsay Bullock. "He is so well behaved. I couldn't ask for a better dog."

Five-years-old Gus has been trained as a 4-H show dog by Reece and that training has made him valuable for "Annie Jr." by hitting the cues for what's happening in the story. "He follows Annie all around and at one point he has to cross the stage by himself," said Bullock, noting that Gus picked it all up on his first day at rehearsal.

"That's usually him. He really gets stuff really good," said Reece, who is in the production too, performing as one of the orphans. Reece is thrilled to have Gus in the show. "I'm happy that he's in the thing that I love. I love theatre and I also love him."

"Annie Jr.," a musical, is based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan played by Maddie Guirguis. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, finding a new home and family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks played by Tavian Bauer, and his personal secretary, Grace Farrell played by Claire Miller.

"It's a good musical for all ages and for everyone to come and see," said Guirguis.

"It's wholesome. It makes you feel good," said Claire Miller.

Performances are Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets online are $8 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets at the door are $10 for adults and $7 for students.

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Historic board approves COAs for 3 local businesses

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison's Historic District Board of Review approved certificates of appropriateness for three Madison businesses to make alterations to their buildings in the historic district and voted to allow a property owner who lost her home in an October 2023 fire to rebuild on that site.

Only one of the four applications faced any opposition and that was a request by Royer Corporation, 805 East Street, to erect an 8-foot, chain-link enclosure on the plant site to serve as a break area for workers. Zac Laughlin, representing Royer, said the fence will provide more security and privacy for workers in an area along the Saddletree Lane, an alley that is heavily traveled by vehicles and pedestrians.

Board member Jed Skillman said he supported the idea of Royer providing a better location for its employees to take their breaks, but the proposed chain-link fence is not suitable for the historic district. He suggested the company consider planting shrubs or use other means to provide the security and privacy Royer is seeking without detracting from the aesthetics of the historic district.

Other board members as well as some members of the audience noted the Royer building, built in 1960, is a non-contributing structure and that the alley is often frequented by homeless people so the fencing offers the best option for security. The board voted 5-1 to allow the application with Skillman voting no.

The board quickly approved two other applications related to businesses — doorway and exterior changes to the Butler Professional building at 505 Cragmont Street and construction of a 30 x 30 foot pergola at the rear of the MadLove Restaurant, 709 West Main Street — with no opposition to either application.

The Butler building, a non-contributing structure built in 1980, will be getting a new entrance with the current entrance closed and used as an area for better signage and a rooftop array of solar panels. The MadLove Restaurant, a contributing structure built in 1860, will construct a metal roof over the rear deck of the business to provide shade for patrons and staff at outdoor seating.

The other application the board approved was for an infill project at 308 Elm Street where a historic home owned by Emily Schafer Knox was destroyed by fire. Knox said the plan is to build a two story structure on essentially the same footprint with design and materials complementary to the historic district.

The historic board also tabled a discussion on a proposal to amend the city's rules and procedures related to the posting of signs at properties undergoing the application process. The matter will be added to the agenda for the April meeting.

Invaders from underground are coming in cicada-geddon

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trillions of evolution's bizarro wonders, red-eyed periodical cicadas that have pumps in their heads and jet-like muscles in their rears, are about to emerge in numbers not seen in decades and possibly centuries.

Crawling out from underground every 13 or 17 years, with a collective song as loud as jet engines, the periodical cicadas are nature's kings of the calendar.

These black bugs with bulging eyes differ from their greener-tinged cousins that come out annually. They stay buried year after year, until they surface and take over a landscape, covering houses with shed exoskeletons and making the ground crunchy.

Murdaugh gets 40 years in prison for stealing from clients, law firm

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — For maybe the last time, Alex Murdaugh, in a prison jumpsuit instead of the suit he used to wear, shuffled into a courtroom Monday in South Carolina and was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison.

Murdaugh was punished — this time in federal court — for stealing from clients and his law firm. The 55-year-old disbarred attorney is already serving a life sentence without parole in a state prison for killing his wife and son.

Federal agents had recommended a sentence from 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to just under 22 years.

Murdaugh also pleaded guilty in state court to financial crimes and was ordered to spend 27 years in prison. The federal sentence will run at the same time as his state prison term and he likely will have to serve all 40 years if his murder convictions are overturned on appeal.

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel said he sentenced Murdaugh to a harsher punishment than suggested because he stole from "the most needy, vulnerable people," including a client who became a quadriplegic after a crash, a state trooper who was injured on the job, and a trust fund intended for children whose parents were killed in a wreck.

Murdaugh stole from people who "placed all their problems and all their hopes" on him, Gergel said.

The 22 federal counts are the final charges outstanding for Murdaugh, who three years ago was an established lawyer negotiating multimillion-dollar settlements in tiny Hampton County, where members of his family served as elected prosecutors and ran the area's premier law firm for nearly a century.

Murdaugh will also have to pay nearly $9 million in restitution.

"There is a staggering human toll to every cent," said attorney Justin Bamberg, who represented several of Murdaugh's victims.

Prosecutors asked the judge to give Murdaugh a harsher sentence because FBI agents think he is not telling the whole truth about what happened to $6 million he stole and whether a so-far unnamed attorney helped his criminal schemes.

Murdaugh's largest scheme involved the sons of his longtime housekeeper Gloria Satterfield. She died in a fall at the family home. Murdaugh promised to take care of Satterfield's family, then worked with a lawyer friend who pleaded guilty on a scheme to steal $4 million in a wrongful death settlement with the family's insurer.

In all, Murdaugh took settlement money from or inflated fees or expenses for more than two dozen clients. Prosecutors said the FBI found 11 more victims than the state investigation found and that Murdaugh stole nearly $1.3 million from them.

Murdaugh again apologized to his victims at his sentencing Monday, saying he felt "guilt, sorrow, shame, embarrassment, humiliation." He offered to meet with victims so they can say what they want to say and "more closely inspect my sincerity."

"There's not enough time and I don't possess a sufficient vocabulary to adequately portray to you in words the magnitude of how I feel about the things I did," Murdaugh said.

Murdaugh blamed nearly two decades of addiction to opioids and said he was proud he has been clean for 937 days.

Gergel scoffed at this explanation.

"No truly impaired person could pull off these complex transactions," the judge said of the maze of fake accounts, juggled checks and money movements that hid the thefts for nearly 20 years.

Prosecutor Emily Limehouse said Murdaugh's claims don't make sense because he told the FBI he was taking the same amount of pills as he did when his addiction started in 2008, but the amount of money he stole increased rapidly in the years before his arrest.

"He was adamant all of the money was spent on drugs. It doesn't add up," Limehouse said.

Murdaugh was convicted a year ago of killing his younger son Paul with a shotgun and his wife, Maggie, with a rifle. While he has pleaded guilty to dozens of financial crimes, he adamantly denies he killed them and testified in his own defense. There will be years of appeals in the murder cases.

The case has captivated true crime fans, spawning dozens of podcast episodes and thousands of social media posts.

Prosecutors want to keep many of the FBI statements secret, saying they are still investigating the missing money and who might have helped Murdaugh to steal it. They say making the information public would jeopardize an ongoing grand jury investigation.

The defense asked for a lighter sentence, comparing Murdaugh's possible sentence to 25 years for crypto entrepreneur Sam Bankman-Fried or Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes' 11 years for duping investors, saying they stole billions while Murdaugh's thefts were in millions.

But lawyer Eric Bland, who represented the family of Murdaugh's housekeeper, said there was a big difference.

"Those victims were investing money," he said, standing with one of Satterfield's sons. "They lost loved ones."

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Lewis to play collegiate baseball at DePauw

David Campbell

Southwestern's Jamison Lewis signed to play baseball at DePauw University on Thursday.

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Jamison Lewis wowed fans on the basketball court this past winter but it's on the baseball field where the Southwestern High School senior has truly shined and where he will continue his playing career next fall.

Lewis officially signed to play baseball at DePauw University on Thursday during a dual signing ceremony with battery-mate and friend William Stockdale. For Lewis, the chance to get to play baseball at the next level is a dream come true.

"I've always wanted to play baseball in college and this is a great opportunity," Lewis said. "I like basketball a lot; I've played basketball my whole life. But I love baseball. I love being like pitching and being in control. When you pitch, you're the main person on the field."

In a state like Indiana, basketball grabs all the headlines and Lewis excelled. He averaged a team-leading 18 points and 6.1 rebounds per game for a Southwestern squad that finished 21-4 on the season, losing to eventual state champion Brownstown Central in the sectional semifinals. His 1,141 points tie him for eighth on the school's career scoring list with Andy Firth.

But as impressive as Lewis' basketball career has been, his baseball career is just as good. And according to his coach, Dan Thurston, he's only going to get better.

"He's really grown into his body the last year. He's dedicated himself to working out and getting stronger which we all saw in basketball," Thurston said. "His body has changed from a year ago, so I think he's only going to get better."

Lewis went 7-2 on the mound last season with a sparkling 0.99 ERA and 102 strikeouts with just 25 walks in 71 innings. He was no slouch with the bat either, hitting .379 with a home run and six doubles while driving in 25 runs.

But it is on the mound where Lewis will get a chance in college and at DePauw he will get a chance to learn from one of the best in head coach Blake Allen.

"I have a unique relationship with (Allen). He was the recruiting coordinator and pitching coach at Western Kentucky when (Thurston's son) Ryan went down. So I had known him really well," Thurston said. "I know Coach Allen's excited about having him. Every conversation we've had, even while he was still going through the recruiting process, was how excited they were and hoping they were going to have a chance at him. They see big things for him. Having been a former D1 pitching coach and now the head coach, I think he'll get the best out of Jamison."

Lewis was excited about DePauw from the moment he first made contact. And while he also seriously considered staying home and going to Hanover, he really just "wanted to get away a little bit."

As for a major, Lewis plans to study finance with an eye toward going to law school. Practicing the law runs in the Lewis family. His father, Chad, is an attorney and former Jefferson County Prosecutor.

Lewis and Stockdale have been teammates since they were little kids and Lewis said being able to sign on the same day was great.

"It's very special to do it with him. We'd been on the same team since we were five maybe," Lewis said. "We've been on every team together; I haven't been on team without him. It's going to be weird not having him catch me."

"If you rewind the last couple of years, we've graduated Zach Cole, who obviously could've played college baseball if he had chosen to, and we have Jordan DeAtley who is playing college baseball right now," Thurston said. "And now you have these two. They're not just great baseball players, but great young men. All of those guys are just great young men."

Stockdale ready to live out his dream after signing with DuPage

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

William Stockdale has known what he wanted to do for a long time and on Thursday, the Southwestern senior finally got a chance to live out his dream.

Stockdale officially signed to play baseball at the College of DuPage in the Chicago suburb of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, during a dual ceremony with friend and teammate Jamison Lewis. The signing left the always jovial Stockdale even more happy than usual.

"It's been one of our dreams that ever since me and Jamison were little on the Redhawks. We've always dreamed of playing collegiate baseball anyway so it's definitely a good day," Stockdale said. "We've been having the same journey and it's kind of been cool (to sign together) because we've always been on the same team through the Redhawks to the Tigers, and then through high school, and it's pretty cool to do it with him."

Like Lewis, Stockdale also excelled at another sport, in his case soccer where he was the Madison Courier Boys Soccer Player of the Year while leading the Rebels to the regional championship game as a goalkeeper.

But Stockdale has always been a baseball player and he has earned a reputation as one of the best catchers in southeastern Indiana. He hit .416 last season with a home run, three triples and 10 doubles while posting a slugging percentage of .629 and an OPS of 1.138. He also handled a pitching staff that had a combined 2.92 ERA and won 16 games.

While Stockdale has always known that he wanted to play college baseball, he wasn't totally sure of the path that he wanted to take. He decided to go the junior college route and joining a DuPage program that went 34-17 last season was the way to go.

"I made the decision because when I went up there and visited, I didn't know how junior college was going to be, but it was better," Stockdale said. "The plan has always been to play high Division I and I picked (DuPage) because they develop people and send people off to Division I. My whole thing is, I want to play at one of my dream schools in the future so this was the best choice for my future."

Southwestern coach Dan Thurston agreed that junior college was the best route for Stockdale, especially since, as a catcher, the school can help him develop to where he wants to be.

"I always thought the JUCO route would be the best route for him. Having seen catchers who go to a four-year school, usually that first year you're catching a lot of bullpens and you have to earn your way in there," Thurston said. "It's good to learn that way, but Will is the type of athlete that needs to play right away. So at junior college he will have that opportunity."

One thing that's working in Stockdale's favor is his attitude and determination. Not one to accept excuses, Stockdale is always working hard to improve his skills and those of players around him. Thurston said that kind of attitude leads to success.

"I think it reflects in what you're seeing today. I mean, all these guys could have gotten home after practice but they decided to come in here and support them," Thurston said of the teammates who were on hand for the signing. "Just an example of what both William and Jamison bring to the team."

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David Campbell

Southwestern's William Stockdale signed to play baseball at College of DuPage in the Chicago suburb of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, on Thursday.

LOCAL SPORTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

BASEBALL

Hanover hosts Wilmington, 4 p.m.
Madison at Greensburg, 5:30 p.m.
Southwestern at Silver Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Shawe hosts Assumption, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Austin, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Southwestern hosts Seymour, 4:45 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Switzerland Co. at Austin, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Shawe hosts New Washington, 5 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Trinity Lutheran, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Shawe at Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

BASEBALL

Carroll Co. hosts Jeffersontown, 1 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts South Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF

Madison at Scottsburg, 5 p.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover men at Earlham, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern hosts Rock Creek, 5 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern hosts South Dearborn, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

BASEBALL

Shawe at Milan, 5 p.m.

GOLF

Southwestern, Switzerland Co. at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Madison hosts Trimble Co., 5:30 p.m.
Southwestern at Trinity Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison hosts Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Shawe, Switzerland Co. at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.
Madison hosts Southwestern, South Ripley, 5:15 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison boys host Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

BASEBALL

Switzerland Co. at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
Madison hosts Southwestern, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Hanover women at Bluffton, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Switzerland Co. at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
Madison at Silver Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Collins, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison at Salem, 5 p.m.
Southwestern hosts South Central, 5 p.m.

Associated Press

Purdue center Zach Edey holds the NCAA Regional Championship trophy after an Elite Eight college basketball game against Tennessee in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in Detroit.

Edey powers Purdue to first Final Four since '80 with win over UT

BY EDDIE PELLS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

DETROIT — By the time all the scrapping and scratching and diving on the floor was over, it felt like a shame that both those teams, and both those players, weren't moving onto the Final Four.

Just don't expect Purdue to feel bad about it.

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HS BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern splits DH at Roncalli

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern baseball came away with a doubleheader split at Roncalli in Indianapolis on Saturday.

The Rebels lost 7-0 to a strong Roncalli squad in the opener but rebounded to beat Gibson Southern 9-3 in the second game.

Southwestern managed just four hits in the loss to Roncalli. William Stockdale had two hits for the Rebels, Austin Jenkins had a double and Adam Traylor had a single. Braxton Lewis started on the mound and took the loss after allowing three earned runs on seven hits in five innings.

Southwestern scored three runs in the third inning and blew open the game with five runs in the fifth to beat Gibson Southern 9-3 in the second game.

Jamison Lewis went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored at the plate and picked up the win on the mound, scattering three runs on seven hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts and two walks.

Barron Welsh was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a run for the Rebels, Peyton Cloud had a triple and three RBIs, Stockdale had a hit and scored three runs and Brady Cook had a hit and an RBI.

Southwestern, now 3-1 on the season, traveled to Hauser on Monday and heads to Class 3A No. 4 Silver Creek on Tuesday. The Rebels then travel to Madison on Friday.

MADISON DROPS TWO GAMES

Madison ended on the wrong end of the scoreboard twice at home on Saturday, falling to Rochester and Jeffersonville.

Madison lost a slugfest by a football score to Rochester in the first game, 18-15. The Cubs had nine hits in the game with Liam Murphy belting a home run and driving in three runs, Colton O'Neal was 2-for-4 with a double and four RBIs, Mitchell Cammack was 2-for-5 with four RBIs and Brodie Harsin had a hit and scored three runs. Matt McCarty, one of seven pitchers for the Cubs, got the loss after going two and a third innings.

Jeffersonville scored six runs in the second inning and won 7-2. Murphy again homered and drove in two runs, and Abe Reetz, Bode Heckler, Harsin and Kayden McKay each had a hit. Harsin suffered the loss.

Madison, now 0-3 on the season, travels to Greensburg on Tuesday and hosts Southwestern on Friday.

PACERS NO-HIT SPARTANS

Four pitchers combined for a no-hitter to beat Southwestern (Shelby) 12-1 on Saturday in Switzerland County's season opener.

Roman Hite, Jackson Sparks, Kemper Kitts and Zayne Smith combined to strike out 12 Spartans while walking four and allowing one earned run.

Cooper Todd went 3-for-4 with three RBIs for the Pacers, Keegan Gross went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs and Blane Otter had a double and two RBIs.

Switzerland, now 1-0, hosts Austin on Tuesday, hosts South Dearborn on Wednesday and travels to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday. The Pacers then host Christian Academy of Indiana on Saturday.

CARROLL WINS TWO GAMES

Carroll County ran its win streak to five straight with wins over Gallatin County and Boone County late last week.

The Panthers defeated Gallatin County 12-2 in a 31st District seed game on Thursday at home. Carroll pounded out 12 hits in the game with Zayn Satchwell hitting a home run and a double and driving in four runs while Coy Willhoite was 3-for-4 with an RBI, Aden Stephenson was 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Preston Snow had two hits and drove in a run and Braden Stephenson had a double and two RBIs.

Braden Stephenson pitched all five innings for the win, allowing three unearned runs and striking out five.

Carroll won a shootout 11-10 over Boone County at home on Friday. Willhoite was 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Luke Taylor was 3-for-4 with a double and three runs scored, Aden Stephenson was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs and Branon Battaglia had two hits and two RBIs.

Dalton Wilson picked up the win on the mound after pitching three scoreless innings.

Carroll, now 7-3 overall and 2-0 in the 31st District, hosted Williamstown on Monday and hosts Jeffersontown on Wednesday.

TRIMBLE FALLS TO HENRY

Trimble County was limited to one hit in a 17-1 loss to Henry County at home on Thursday.

Jacob Sullivan had the Raiders' lone hit. Liam Taylor suffered the loss in relief.

Trimble, now 1-7 overall on the season and 0-2 in the 31st District, travels to Ludlow on Friday and heads to Covington Latin next Monday.

Carroll girls win own track invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County's girls track & field team won eight events and scored 176 points to win its own invitational on Friday.

Boone County finished first in the boys competition with 180 points. Carroll tied Owen County for third place with 92 points.

Macie Miller won the high jump at 4 feet, 7 inches and the triple jump at 27 feet, 2.5 inches. Adree Dermon won the 100-meter dash in 13.96, Reagan Miller won the 400 dash in 1:05.69, Lydia Rusk won the 3200 run in 16:58.01, Cloie McGuire won the 100 hurdles in 21.55 and Makayla Keithley win the 300 hurdles in 1:05.51. The Panthers also won the 400 relay in 1:08.65.

Seth Franklin won the boys high jump at 5 feet, 10 inches and the triple jump at 41 feet, 6 inches.

Other top finishes for the Carroll girls were: McGuire, second, 200 dash, 30.43; Josie Dale, 100 hurdles, 26.62 and second, 300 hurdles, 1:10.48; 800 relay, second, 2:15.36; 3200 relay, second, 14:58.89; Amabell Tamzin, second, discus, 63-10 and second, shot put, 23-4.25; 1600 relay, third, 5:08.49; Miller, third, long jump, 12-8 and third, discus, 36-11; and Shelby Hilenbrandt, third, turbojav, 27-3.

Other top finishes for the Carroll boys were: Teague Walls, second, 400 dash, 56.19; 400 relay, second, 48.57; 800 relay, second, 1:57.36; Bryson Chadwell, second, shot put, 42-6.75; and Grayson Kinman, second, turbojav, 111-11.

Carroll competes at Switzerland County on Tuesday, April 9.

HS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern claims win over North Decatur

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern softball followed a 7-5 loss to Henryville on Friday with a 3-2 win over North Decatur on Saturday.

Southwestern and Henryville both had nine hits in Friday's game. Allie Birchfield went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs and Ashley Fulton was 3-for-3 with two runs scored. Nataley Morrison had a triple and two RBIs.

Fulton took the loss after allowing two earned runs on five hits in three innings with five strikeouts.

Jenna Owens went 3-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored and Paisley Hendrix had a double and two RBIs in the win over North Decatur and Morrison had two hits. Fulton struck out 11 in seven innings and allowed just one earned run for the win.

Southwestern, now 2-1 on the season, hosts Rock Creek on Wednesday and travels to Trinity Lutheran on Thursday. The Rebels host the Sue Siekman Tournament on Saturday.

MADISON FALLS TO EAST CENTRAL

Madison suffered a 17-2 loss at home to East Central on Saturday.

Kallie Eder had two hits and scored a run for the Cubs and Sarah Adams had a hit and two RBIs. Ava Armbrecht allowed six earned runs in two and a third innings and suffered the loss.

Madison, now 0-3, traveled to Seymour on Monday and hosts Carroll County on Tuesday. The Cubs host Trimble County on Thursday and travel to Class 3A No. 7 Silver Creek on Friday.

CARROLL BEATS GALLATIN

Carroll County picked up a 15-7 win over Gallatin County on Thursday at home.

Madi Groves went 3-for-5 with two doubles and seven RBIs for the Panthers, Macy Coghill was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Adree Dermon was 3-for-4 with an RBI and four runs scored.

Groves picked up the win after allowing four earned runs in seven innings.

Carroll, now 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the 31st District, traveled to Collins on Monday. The Panthers travel to Madison on Tuesday but then don't play again until April 10 when they host Williamstown.

TRIMBLE FALLS TO HENRY

Trimble County lost 14-10 at home to Henry County on Thursday.

Hannah Chilton went 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored, Alana Washington was 3-for-4 with a run, Savannah Oldson was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs and Jocie Stucker had two doubles and two RBIs.

Alyssa Ritchie suffered the loss in the circle after allowing two earned runs on six hits in three and a third innings with two strikeouts.

Trimble, now 5-6 overall and 0-2 in the 31st District, travels to Madison on Thursday and hosts Collins on Friday.

PACERS DROP OPENER

Switzerland County lost 17-2 at home to Brown County on Saturday in the Pacers' season opener.

Switzerland traveled to South Dearborn on Monday and heads to Austin on Tuesday. The Pacers then travel to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday and hosts Williamstown on Saturday.

Madison, True place 3rd in Cubs' golf opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's boys golf team opened the 2024 season with a third-place finish in the Seymour Invitational on Saturday.

The Cubs shot a 313, five strokes behind winner Bloomington South and two behind Guerin Catholic, both among the top five teams in the state.

Landon True and Henry Ashley led the Cubs with a pair of top five finishes. True shot a 73 to place third overall and Ashley had a 76 to finish fourth. Luke Barron carded an 80, Clayton Benkert had an 84 and Braxton Bray had a 102. Collin McCay had a 95 and Jayce Sharp had a 97 playing as individuals.

Bloomington South's Happy Gilmore was the low-medalist with a 69.

Madison travels to Scottsburg on Wednesday and competes at Floyd Central on Saturday.

Madison volleyball splits two matches

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's boys volleyball team split a pair of matches on the road last week.

On Thursday, the Cubs suffered a loss at Floyd Central in four sets. Floyd won the first set 25-13 but Madison came back to win the second set 26-24. Floyd Central then won sets three and four by scores of 25-16 and 25-13, respectively, to win the match.

Madison then claimed a five-set win at Shelbyville on Saturday. Shelbyville won the first set 25-15 but the Cubs dominated the second set 25-8 and won the third set 25-21. After the host Golden Bears won the fourth set 25-21 to knot the match, Madison claimed the tie-breaker 15-8 in the fifth set.

Madison, now 2-2 on the season, hosts Floyd Central on Thursday and heads to Indianapolis on Saturday to face Cathedral and Center Grove.

Former Cub Miller leads Scottsburg to 1st boys state championship

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Courier file

SCOTTSBURG'S JACK MILLER

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

INDIANAPOLIS — Scottsburg senior guard Jack Miller scored a game-high 32 points — including an emphatic dunk for the final points of the game — as the Warriors held off South Bend Saint Joseph 67-57 in the IHSAA Class 3A boys basketball championship on Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

Miller, a former Madison Cub and the son of Hanover men's basketball head coach John Miller, finished 12-of-18 from the field — including three 3-pointers — and four rebounds as the No. 4 Warriors (25-5) claimed their first-ever boys state championship. Miller transferred to Scottsburg after his sophomore year at Madison.

Scottsburg used an 9-2 run powered by Miller and fellow senior Kody Clancy put the Warriors in control, 28-17. The Huskies (20-10), who were making their first state finals appearance in 31 years, answered with a 17-5 run of their own. The game featured eight lead changes and five ties and the Huskies took their largest lead of the game, 34-33, with 1:38 remaining until halftime behind a Chase Konieczny putback shot.

Konieczny scored a team-high 15 points with 11 rebounds, shooting 6-of-16 with three assists. Senior Jerry Barca added 12 points with three 3-pointers. Clancy followed Miller with 20 points, and fellow senior Wyatt Zellers added 10.

St. Joseph made 16 turnovers in the game which the Warriors converted into 23 points. However, Scottsburg was out rebounded 35-17 and the Huskies outscored the Warriors 22-8 in second chance points. The Warriors attacked for 40 points in the paint and six fast-break points while shooting 5-of-18 from 3-point range and 55.6% from the field.

Scottsburg had advanced to the Final Four last year only to fall short 56-40 to Guerin Catholic to end the season 22-6.

Warriors coach Eric Richardson said he has a perfect spot reserved for the team's championship banner.

"We got a place picked out. Right next to our final four from last year, which we're proud of, but it's going to go right next to it. Right in the middle of (Charles E.) Meyer Gym," Richardson said.

In other IHSAA state championship games, Fort Wayne Canterbury defeated Bethesda Christian 48-41 in Class 1A, Brownstown Central beat Wapahani 55-36 in 2A and Fishers topped Ben Davis 65-56 in 4A.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers claim 7 wins in own track invitational

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover's women placed second and the men were third in the nine-team Hanover Track & Field Invitational on Saturday.

Hanover scored 155 points in the women's event placing just behind Thomas More's 174. The men scored 76 points with Rose-Hulman winning the event with 231.5 points.

Amberleigh Sorensen and Jessie Stenger each had two wins for the Hanover women. Sorensen won the 800-meter run in 2:17.32 and the 1500 run in 4:36.79 while Stenger won the discus at 43.49 meters and the shot put at 13.82 meters. Madison's Aliza Boles won the pole vault at 2.95 meters, Gracie Henson won the 400 dash in 1:08.89 and Natalie Day won the 400 hurdles in 1:10.04.

Tommy Wilmoth won the men's shot put at 15.50 meters for Hanover's lone win.

Other top finishes for the Hanover women were: Paige Wildman, second, 1500 run, 5:10.14; Lauren Todd, second, 5000 run, 20:22.18; Ally McGuire, second, pole vault, 2.75m; Day, Henson, Hanna Whitney and Elyse Wilson, second, 1600 relay, 4:31.64; Emma Litzelman, third, 1500 run, 5:10.31; Dakota Goetz, third, hammer, 43.16; and Day, Gabby Parrish, Mary Hennessey and Kaelyn King, third, 400 relay, 53.87.

Other top finishes for the Hanover men were: Sean Woods, second, pole vault, 3.90m; Anthony Lloyd, Jayden Enderle, Erik Perkins and Layden Adair, second, 400 relay, 42.87; Perkins, Enderle, Lloyd and Woods, second, 1600 relay, 3:29.08; Owen Via, third, 5000 run, 17:42.90.

Hanover competes at Wabash on Saturday.

BASEBALL SPLITS DH AT ANDERSON

Hanover baseball split a doubleheader at Anderson on Saturday.

The Panthers picked up a 15-4 win in eight innings in the opener.

Robert Carroll went 3-for-5 with a double and two RBIs for Hanover, Connor Farnsley was 3-for-5 with two runs scored, Matthew McCoy was 3-for-5 with an RBI, Reid Douglas had two doubles and two RBIs, Alex Christie had a home run and two RBIs and Sam Perkins had a triple scored three runs.

Chris Hautman earned the win after pitching four scoreless innings with three strikeouts.

Anderson scored five runs in the bottom of the ninth to pick up a 9-8 win in the second game.

Jake Danneman was 4-for-5 with a triple, a double and three runs scored for the Panthers, Eric Roudebush was 3-for-3 with three runs scored, Farnsley was 2-for-5 with a double and three RBIs and Alex Christie was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI.

Dalton Sisson suffered the loss in relief.

Hanover, now 13-8 overall on the season and 4-2 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, hosts Wilmington on Tuesday and Franklin for three games this weekend.

SOFTBALL SWEPT AT MANCHESTER

Hanover softball dropped a pair of conference games at Manchester on Saturday.

Hanover lost 5-4 in eight innings in the opener. Haley Kiefner was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs, LauRie Harmless went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Mal Fultz had a triple and an RBI, and Olivia Planck had a double and a run.

Lauren Beaman allowed just two earned runs in seven innings but suffered the loss.

Hanover collected eight hits but lost 8-2 in the second game.

Beaman went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Carson Kruse was 2-for-4, Fultz had two hits and scored a run and Jade Wims had a hit and an RBI. Rylin Huddleston pitched four and two-thirds innings allowing two earned runs on five hits and took the loss.

Hanover, now 5-17 overall and 0-2 in the HCAC, hosts Mount St. Joseph on Saturday.

~~MEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO TRINE~~

Hanover men's lacrosse lost 15-3 at home to Trine on Friday.

Ethan Abdoo had two goals and Colin O'Brien had a goal for the Panthers while Cole Finley had an assist. Lance Guttormson had 30 saves and Jackson McKeigue had three saves in goal for Hanover.

Hanover, now 3-8 on the season, travels to Earlham on Wednesday.

MEN'S TENNIS LOSES 8-1

Hanover men's tennis dropped an 8-1 decision to Wabash at home on Friday.

Hanover's lone win came at No. 2 doubles where Macedo Pedro and Charley Williams teamed up for an 8-5 win.

Hanover, now 4-5 on the season, hosts Midway on Wednesday and hosts Franklin and Greenville on Saturday.

Alabama rides tidal wave of 3s past Clemson 89-82 to 1st Final Four ever

BY BETH HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Every time Clemson tried to cut down its deficit, Alabama fired up a 3-pointer. Over and over and in such quick succession that the Crimson Tide looked like a video game.

Mark Sears made seven 3-pointers and Alabama recovered from its early long-distance woes with 16 3s to beat Clemson 89-82 on Saturday night, sending the Tide to the Final Four for the first time.

"Man, just feeling a lot of emotion," said Sears, the only Alabama native on the team. "Being from the state of Alabama and to do it with this group of guys, it's amazing."

The Tide (25-11) will face defending national champion UConn in Glendale, Arizona, next Saturday (TV: Live on TBS & TNT at approximately 8:49 p.m.). Alabama knocked off top-seeded North Carolina to reach the Elite Eight.

Sears' 3-pointers were one off his career high. He finished with 23 points and was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament's West Region.

Freshman Jarin Stevenson airballed a couple 3s in the first half, when Alabama missed 12 of its first 13 from long range. He ended up making a career-high five 3s and had 19 points off the bench.

"We don't win this game without him," Sears said. "Jarin hit 3 after 3 after 3 and kept us in this ballgame. He was huge."

Tide coach Nate Oats added, "Jarin grew up tonight."

The Tide donned red T-shirts with the entirely appropriate slogan "Net Worthy" as they celebrated while a bucket of red-and-white confetti was dumped on them. Oats walked into the postgame news conference wearing the net around his neck.

Clemson (24-12) was seeking its first Final Four appearance, too, in a matchup of schools better known for their national championship football teams.

Joseph Girard III led Clemson with 19 points, and Ian Schieffelin had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Tide buried the Tigers in an avalanche of 10 3s in the second half to pull away. Sears hit a 3, turned and put his fingers to his lips. After he sank the Tide's eighth 3 of the half, Sears playfully stuck out his tongue and nodded his head as he ran up the court.

"I live for those moments. This is what March Madness is about," Sears said. "When you're a kid, you want to be in these moments. It feels like my dream came true today. My dream definitely came true today."

Clemson had allowed only 14 3-pointers in its first three March Madness games.

"They get those 3s up fast and it seems like they'll never miss," Girard said.

The Tide were shooting before the Tigers could get back downcourt and set their zone defense.

"There's not very many teams that play that way," Clemson coach Brad Brownell said.

The Tigers tried desperately to keep up and finished 8 of 26 from 3-point range. While Sears was putting on a show, Girard, who struggled offensively in the regional semifinal, hit back-to-back 3s and PJ Hall added another that left Clemson trailing 68-62.

"They hit big-time shots and we couldn't quite get the misses we needed them to make," Hall said. "Credit to them, man, they went out there and hit them. It was big-time basketball."

Girard's 3 cut Clemson's deficit to 76-73. But Nick Pringle was in the midst of scoring eight in a row for the Tide, making 4 of 6 free throws down the stretch. He finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Sears stepped back left of the key and sank the Tide's 10th 3 of the half for an 82-75 lead, drawing applause from Alabama alum and seven-time NBA champion Robert "Big Shot Bob" Horry.

"What a basketball game. The shot-making was elite," Brownell said. "Their second-half performance was outstanding and for whatever reason we had a hard time guarding them."

The fourth-seeded Tide were in the Elite Eight for just the second time in school history. They lost in the 2004 regional final to UConn.

The sixth-seeded Tigers upended second-seeded Arizona in the regional semifinals to earn their second Elite Eight berth in 44 years.

Clemson broke the game open with an early 16-4 run, including six straight by RJ Godfrey, to take a 26-13 lead.

Alabama answered Clemson's burst with a 22-6 spurt — including 11 in a row — to close the first half leading 35-32. The Tide hit five 3s after missing 12 of 13 to start the game.

"We're big, physical, tough and smart, but we're not very fast," Brownell said. "In the second half that was a problem for us."

11th-seeded Wolfpack roll on to 1st Final Four since 1983 76-64 over Duke

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Bruising big man DJ Burns Jr. plays with plenty of joy, skipping on and off the floor and interacting with North Carolina State fans that he often works into a frenzy with slick moves and a soft-touch shot.

"I was raised in a happy environment," Burns said. "I try to take that with me everywhere I go."

Now he can take that to the desert for the Wolfpack's first Final Four in four decades.

The 6-foot-9, 275-pound Burns scored a season-high 29 points on 13-of-19 shooting, DJ Horne had 20 and 11th-seeded N.C. State beat Atlantic Coast Conference rival Duke 76-64 in the South Region final Sunday.

N.C. State is back on basketball's biggest stage for the first time since the late Jim Valvano was sprinting around the court looking for someone to hug after winning the 1983 national title with an upset over Houston and Phi Slama Jama.

"These guys are so special," seventh-year coach Kevin Keatts said. "Nine elimination games or you go home."

These Wolfpack (26-14) head to Glendale, Arizona, with the most losses ever for a Final Four team, but on a winning streak that began after losing their last four regular-season games, and seven of nine. They had to win five games against past national champions in five days in the ACC Tournament, including a win over Duke in the quarterfinal round, just to get into the 68-team NCAA Tournament field.

Now they will play 7-foot-4 All-American Zach Edey and Purdue in the first national semifinal game, before defending champion UConn takes on Alabama.

"I'll say like I've been saying the whole tournament. When I stop having fun with basketball, I'll stop playing," said Burns, who was voted the South Region's most outstanding player. "There's just been a total switch in our commitment. Nobody's being late to things. Nobody's being a problem on the court. Everybody's come together."

Fourth-seeded Duke (27-9), which ousted top seed Houston in the Sweet 16 two nights earlier, missed out on its second Final Four in three seasons after leading by six at halftime and maintaining that margin with 16 1/2 minutes left.

But soon after Keatts was called for a technical foul with 8 minutes left, his team was well on its way to becoming the seventh double-digit seed to make the Final Four since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

Jared McCain made both free throws for the technical that Keatts got after officials ruled a missed shot by Duke's Kyle Filipowski that went over the backboard and off the shot clock went off one of his players. Replays showed that while maybe there should have been a foul since Burns made contact with the 7-foot Filipowski's arm, the Wolfpack forward's wasn't even close to the ball.

A minute later, Ben Middlebrooks had a steal that led to a fast-break 3-pointer by Michael O'Connell. There was a foul called while the ball was in the air, so the Wolfpack got the trey, kept possession and Burns made another nifty basket for a 53-42 lead.

O'Connell had six points, also finishing with 11 rebounds and six assists.

McCain led Duke with 32 points, the freshman guard hitting 8 of 20 shots and making all 11 of his free throws. Jeremy Roach had 13 points while sophomore center Filipowski had 11 points and nine rebounds before fouling out with 4:52 left and the Blue Devils already down eight.

"Just give credit to State. They're on a hell of a run right now," Roach said. "We weren't us today."

None of the double-digit seeds have even made it to the national championship game, but Wolfpack fans chanted "Why not us, why not us?" before their team cut down the nets in Big D — about 1,200 miles from Tobacco Road where the N.C. State and Duke campuses are only about a half-hour drive from each other.

During the game's first media timeout, they even got to watch on the big video boards in the arena as the N.C. State women dribbled out the final 26 seconds of their regional final victory over Texas to also advance to the Final Four.

Burns, who had only four points in the regional semifinal against Marquette, hit short jumpers on the Wolfpack's first two shots of the game. But those were their only consecutive makes before halftime while shooting 26.5% (9 of 34) and trailing 27-21.

They certainly turned that around with a 55-point second half in which they made 19 of 26 shots (73.1%). Burns, who had eight points in the game's first nine minutes before his second foul, went 9 of 11 after halftime.

Duke made only 19 field goals the entire game, shooting a season-worst 32.2% on its 59 attempts. The Blue Devils became the sixth consecutive opponent held under 40% shooting by N.C. State.

"We never had any rhythm on offense," second-year Duke coach Jon Scheyer said. "They started to score more and our offense, it was probably the most disjointed game that we've played all year."

UConn's 30-0 run routs Illini 77-52 for return to Final Four

BY JIMMY GOLEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Thirty points in a row — that's quite a run.

The NCAA Tournament streak UConn is putting together is pretty, pretty impressive, too.

The defending national champions scored 30 straight points to power their way back to the Final Four on Saturday night, steamrolling Illinois 77-52 — a March Madness record 10th straight double-digit victory for the top-seeded Huskies.

Donovan Clingan had 22 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots, and UConn scored the first 25 points of the second half to turn a five-point lead into a blowout. The Huskies, who cruised to their fifth national title last year, seem inexorably headed for a sixth: Their NCAA Tournament wins this year have come by 39, 17, 30 and 25 points.

"We're going to be tough to beat," UConn coach Dan Hurley said. "It was a special level of basketball that we were playing."

Actor Bill Murray, whose son, Luke, is a Huskies assistant coach, watched the game from a courtside seat and took video of the postgame celebration, where his grandchildren were showered with confetti. "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star Larry David was also part of a heavily partisan crowd the Huskies (35-3) called "Storrs North" for the East Region games that were played about 90 miles from campus.

UConn, which won the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden and advanced to the Sweet 16 in Brooklyn, will now get on an airplane for the first time in almost a month and head to the Final Four outside of Phoenix. It will face West Region champion Alabama, which advanced with an 89-82 victory over Clemson later Saturday night.

The Huskies, who set a school record for victories in a season, are the first defending champs to make it back to the national semifinals since Florida won back-to-back titles in 2006 and '07.

That's still a possibility for UConn, too.

"It's not about really trying to win No. 6 or go back-to back," Hurley said. "It's this time of year, you love your team and you can't imagine what it would be like to not get up the next day and still coach your team. It's what you learn when you win the way we've won: It really is about the work, the journey, the process."

Marcus Domask scored 17 points — 15 in the first half — for Illinois (29-9), and star Terrence Shannon Jr. was held to eight points on 2-of-12 shooting. Shannon, who scored 29 points in Thursday night's Sweet 16 victory over Iowa State and played much of the season while facing a rape charge in Kansas, snapped a string of 41 straight games scoring in double digits.

Illinois, which had the most efficient offense in the country this season, shot 25% (17 of 67) and scored a season-low 52 points.

Cam Spencer had his first career double-double, scoring 11 points with 12 rebounds for UConn, which reached the Elite Eight with a 30-point win over San Diego State on Thursday night. Hassan Diarra scored 11 and Alex Karaban had 10 points for the Huskies.

But the big problem for third-seeded Illinois was the 7-foot-2 Clingan.

The Fighting Illini (29-9) managed just four points in the first half when Clingan was in the game, with the Connecticut native recording nine points, six rebounds and three blocks before the break. Overall, they were 0 for 19 on shots challenged by Clingan.

"We were getting the same shots we've always gotten, and Clingan erased a few of them," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "He's good. I mean, doesn't everybody have him projected in the (NBA) lottery or close to it? He does a great job of protecting the rim."

The Illini had several lengthy scoring droughts, falling behind 9-0 and failing to score before the first media timeout; they was shut out again between the under-12 minute break and the one that came under 8 minutes, missing 11 shots in a row. Still, they trailed only 28-23 at the half.

That's when things really fell apart.

Illinois missed its first 14 shots of the second — 17 misses in a row, in all. The 30-0 UConn run lasted for the last 1:49 of the first half and the first 7:19 of the second.

"I didn't expect that. But tons of credit to UConn," Underwood said. "I thought we were in a good spot at half, especially after the slow start. ... We obviously came out in the second half and got blitzed."

By the time Clingan took a break with 14:35 to play, the Huskies led by 23. On the next Illinois possession, Samson Johnson — who subbed in for Clingan — blocked Shannon under the basket and finished the fast break at the other end with a layup that gave UConn a 48-23 lead.

"It felt like no shots were going in. And it felt like they were getting out in transition and scoring every single time," Illinois forward Coleman Hawkins said. "You look up, and you're still at 23."

South Carolina remains perfect with 79-75 win

BY DOUG FEINBERG
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ALBANY, N.Y. — With South Carolina's perfect season on the line, coach Dawn Staley had total faith that Raven Johnson would make the necessary plays for her team.

Johnson did just that, hitting a huge 3-pointer in the final minute to help the top-seeded Gamecocks remain unbeaten with a 79-75 over Indiana on Friday that moved them into the Albany 1 Regional Final of the women's NCAA Tournament.

"I saw Raven's eyes coming down the stretch as our lead was diminishing and I knew she wasn't going to let us lose," Staley said. "She was going to do something. She had two big baskets."

Johnson's 3 came after South Carolina nearly blew a 22-point lead in the second half. The advantage was down to 74-72 when Staley called timeout to set up a play that was supposed to go to Kamilla Cardoso, who led the team with 22 points. The Gamecocks' star center was being double-teamed when she caught the ball, so she passed it to Johnson for the 3.

"I was open, and all I could think was, let it go. I don't want to lose," said Johnson, who scored 14 points. "Just going from last year. Nobody can sag off me this year, and I take that very personal. And I get in the gym every day and put up reps and I think that's where it comes from, the confidence."

Last season, Iowa sagged off Johnson in the Final Four and the strategy paid off as the Hawkeyes ended South Carolina's undefeated season. Johnson got in the gym and became a better 3-pointer shooter this season, hitting 8% more of her shots from behind the arc.

"I see the work that Raven puts in every single day. Every single day she gets shots up, before or after practice," Staley said. "They have a quota to meet each and every day. I see that before. I see that after. So I don't think about last year. I don't think about any of that when it comes to Raven."

South Carolina is three wins away from completing the 10th perfect season in NCAA Division I women's basketball history. Next up for the Gamecocks is third-seeded Oregon State, which knocked off Notre Dame earlier Friday.

The Gamecocks (35-0) had run through their first two games in March Madness, winning by 52 and 47. They faced a much bigger challenge from fourth-seeded Indiana (26-6).

South Carolina built a 22-point lead in the third quarter before Indiana got going behind Sydney Parrish, who led the team with 21 points.

The Hoosiers, who were trying to pull off the biggest comeback in NCAA Tournament history, got within 74-72 on Mackenzie Holmes' layup with 1:08 left. That's when Johnson responded with her 3.

Holmes then hit another layup to make it 77-74.

The Gamecocks hit only two of four free throws in the final 21 seconds to leave the door open for a miraculous comeback, but Indiana couldn't convert on the offensive end, missing two contested 3-pointers in the final 15 seconds.

"We're very disappointed. Felt like if we had a few more minutes the outcome would be a little different for us tonight," Indiana coach Teri Moren said.

South Carolina looked like it was going to steamroll another opponent. It led 34-28 midway through the second quarter before going on a 15-4 run to close the half up 49-32. All but two of those points came on the inside.

On the defensive end, Cardoso bottled up Holmes. She missed her

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Players, coaches defend the criticism of trash talking as part of game

BY PAT EATON-ROBB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — It was the signature moment of last year's national championship game.

With victory assured, LSU's Angel Reese pointed to her ring finger and flashed the "you can't see me" gesture (waving her hand in front of her own face) at Iowa's Caitlin Clark, who had made a similar gesture earlier in the tournament.

The move sparked a discussion over trash talk in the women's game, which is being renewed as the two stars prepare to face off again Monday in the Albany 2 regional final.

"I don't think people realize it's not personal," Reese said. " Once we get out from between those lines, if I see you walking down the street, it's like, 'Hey, girl, what's up? let's hang out.' I think people just take it like we hate each other. Me and Caitlin Clark don't hate each other. I want everybody to understand that. It's just a super competitive game."

Clark agrees that the trash talk is just part of the game. When she does it, she said, it's to fire up herself and her teammates, not to put down any opponent or get inside their heads.

"Both of us want to win more than anything, and that's how it should be when you're a competitor and you get into a situation like this, whether it was the National Championship, whether it's the Elite Eight," she said.

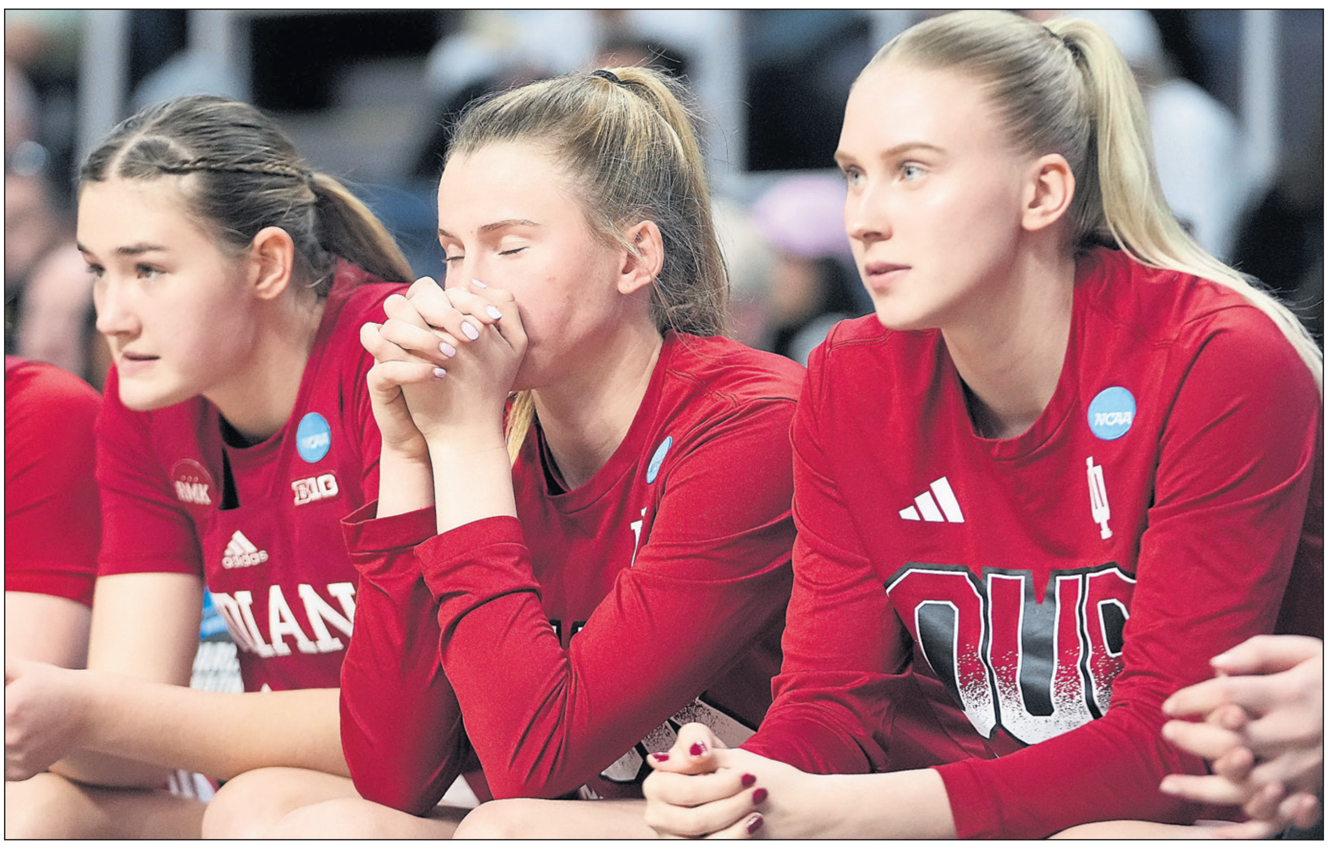
But Reese's coach Kim Mulkey questions whether the reaction to the players jawing and gesturing goes beyond a simple misunderstanding of competitive fire and into sexism, noting how no one seems concerned with trash talk in the men's game.

"I don't choose to focus on that because you see it all the time if you turn on and watch pro games," she said. "I was a trash talker. I mean, thank God I didn't have all of y'all following me, cameras and everything else. You're out there, you're trying to get after it."

LSU's guard Hailey Van Lith said she doesn't expect people outside the game to understand that, especially those who have never played at this level.

Besides, she said, trash talk is entertaining.

"It's a part of why people want to watch the game," she said. "I think, when you think about hockey and the fights, people like to see that. That's not why we do it. It's our personalities. It's what makes the game fun for us."



Mary Altaffer — staff, AP

Indiana players react on the bench during the second half of a Sweet Sixteen round college basketball game against the South Carolina during the NCAA Tournament on Friday in Albany, N.Y.

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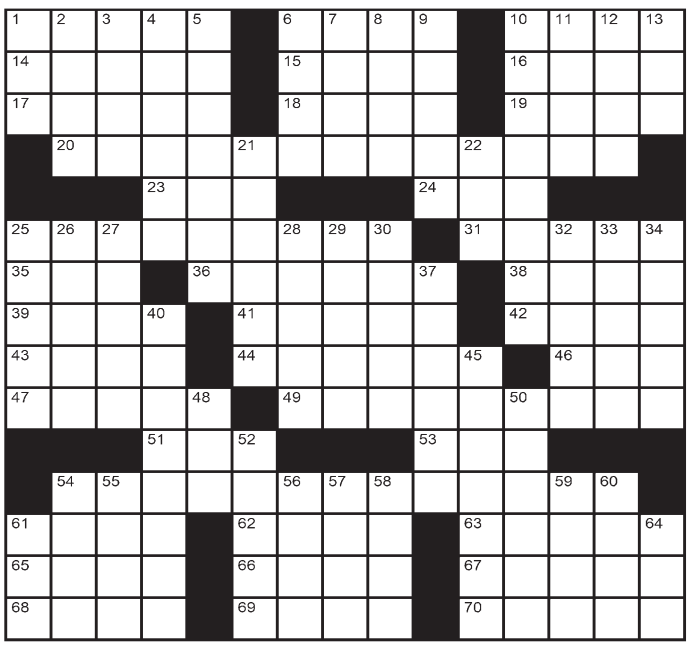
THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



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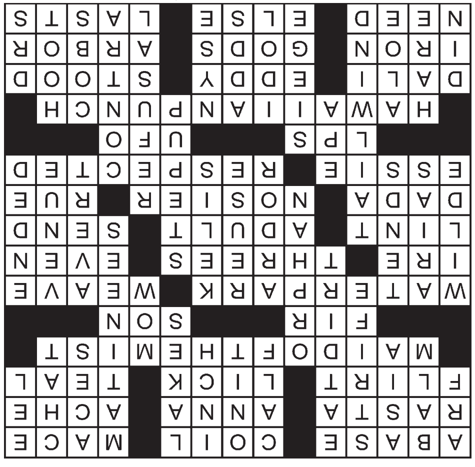

Husband thinks his wife is too close to her kids

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ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. We both have adult children from previous marriages.

My husband isn't as close with his children as I am with mine. My children and I have always spent a lot of time together, and we connect through text or phone calls almost daily.

My husband believes this is excessive. He doesn't see or keep in touch with his children that way.

I try to explain to him that my children grew up in a close family, and we remain close. I think we should be glad that they like us and want to spend time with us.

I have recently retired. My husband is still working. He travels out of town about twice a month. When he goes out of town, I take the opportunity to see my children.

This upsets my husband. He says, "Why do you always have to go somewhere or do something when I go out of town? Why can't you just stay home?"

When I asked why this bothers him, he claimed that it was because "it costs money." We are not struggling financially, my kids always pay their own way and most of the time I'm just spending time with them in their homes. It's not like I am going out to bars. I am always back home no later than 9 p.m., and I always keep in touch with my husband while I'm out. I finally told him that this is his problem, and he needs to get over it because I am not doing anything wrong.

Well, it just happened again. Am I missing something?

— At a Loss

Dear At a Loss: It's one thing for your husband to try to limit your time with your children when he is around, but his desire to also control who you see when he is away is completely ridiculous, over the top and concerning. Your husband's perspective might be that he would like for the two of you to spend more of your "together-time" socializing with people who are closer to your own age and stage in life. If so, then he should work harder to develop these friendships. And unless your daily phone and texting contact with your children is obsessive, damaging or taking your attention away from your own work, hobbies, friendships or unduly interfering with your marriage, then it is simply not his business.

Close and intimate marriages thrive when spouses place the marriage at the center of their lives, but it's a simple fact that your relationship with your children is longer standing, lifelong and unique.

One way for your husband to honor his marriage to you would be for him to love and respect the kind of parent you are. Because this is an ongoing issue, you would both benefit from talking it out with the aid of a counselor.

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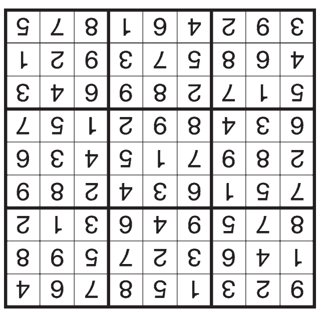


ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A zero-sum mentality can cause others to lose trust and respect. It's not pie. If you focus only on getting the upper hand it will be apparent. People remember how you treat them and make them feel. Build allies, not enemies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Hopes and dreams are part of what shapes you. Letting someone share their goals with you can give you a better understanding of their character. When imagination runs free you can make impressive changes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be transparent. Evading an issue may make someone think that you are hiding something, even when you aren't. Actions speak far louder than any words and leave a lasting impression. Face any music without fear.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your heart is in the right place. Instead of words, demonstrate that your intentions are sincere by making gestures that show you and a loved one are on the same team. Let your love language do the talking for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you thrive on routines, figure out which ones can help you achieve your goals and set them up. If you're better with spontaneity, set up windows of time that can allow for that. What you do every day is building your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You are probably capable of a lot more than you give yourself credit for. Don't be afraid to display feelings or try something new. Let yourself dream about a better, more secure future, then figure out how to get it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Sometimes it's procrastination, sometimes it's just wisely waiting for better stars. Be honest with yourself about which is which. If it's excuses, try to shut them down and get yourself going. If it's better stars, WAIT!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Learn to speak a language of love that you can both understand; you shouldn't need a translator to make your feelings known. If single, what may seem like a casual flirtation could turn into a long-term relationship.

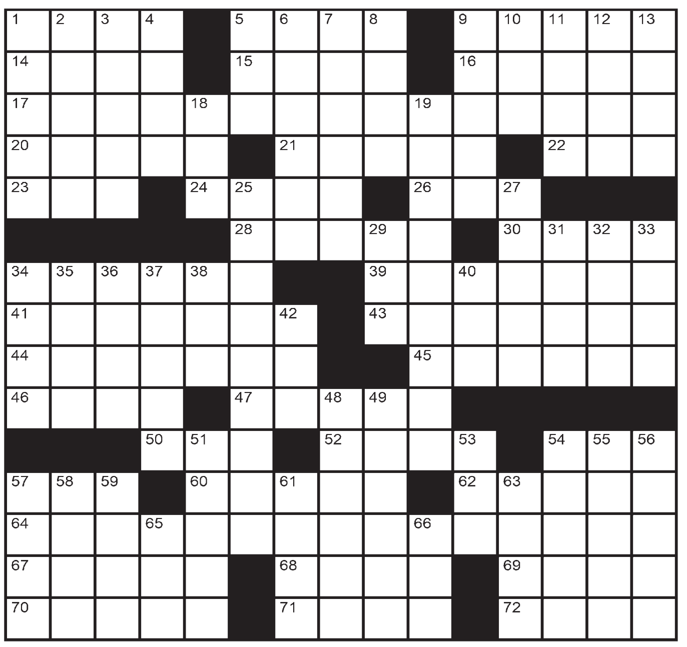
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It takes self-work to be able to approach difficult situations with logic rather than emotion. Invest in yourself to function at your highest level. Using good judgment about finances might settle a family squabble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's a fine balance between planning and spontaneity. Sometimes planning the necessary stuff can open the way to more time to be in the moment. Open your eyes to the goodness and miracles around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Most people are doing their best, even if their best doesn't seem impressive or even understandable. Spend less time judging others and more time working on becoming your best self. That's what will take you to the finish line.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Whether it lasts hours or a lifetime, love can be transformative. Try not to avoid those feelings out of fear that they won't last forever. Embrace any risk of heartache so your life can be filled and grow even bigger.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski 4/3/24

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16 High hairstyles
17 Cozy nighttime footwear: 2 wds.
20 South American range
21 Ecological region
22 Aardvark's prey
23 Pig's home
24 Pre-owned
26 "Just a __!"
28 Special surprise
30 Actress Wilson
34 Singer Yearwood
39 Indonesian island
41 Pitcher's opponents
43 Nonprofessional
44 Some magazine ads
45 Car radio convenience
46 Scottish isle
47 Swing or samba
50 Educational org.
52 Alero maker, for short
54 Postgraduate degree: Abbr.
57 Owns
60 Answer to "Who's that?": 2 wds.
62 Theater seater
64 Valuable Scrabble square: 3 wds.
67 Earn
68 Soprano's solo
69 "No ifs, __, or buts"
70 Endures
71 Chest muscles, for short
72 Snafu

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3 Reddish-complexioned
4 Take a risk
5 NorCal airport
6 Carpentry wood
7 __ story (privileged info)
8 Move, in real-estate lingo
9 Indian money
10 Tablet program
11 Notion
12 Of two minds
13 Helper: Abbr.
18 The Buckeyes' sch.
19 "No idea": 2 wds.
25 Day 1 on the job: 2 wds.
27 Warehouse box
29 Sly __ fox
31 Beehive State people
32 Accurate
33 Male deer
34 The one here
35 Hockey venue
36 "The __-Bitsy Spider"
37 Very expensive
38 That lady
40 Do damage to
42 Org. with number IDs
48 "That's enough!": 2 wds.
49 Priest
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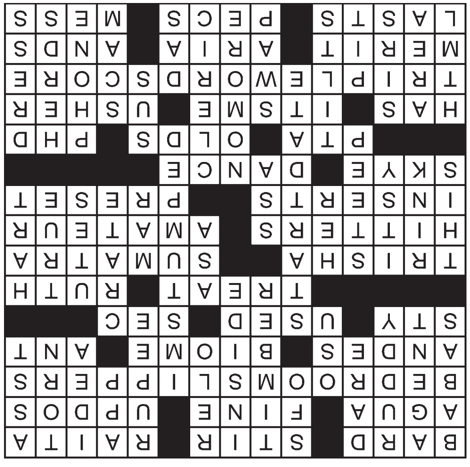
Today's Puzzle Solved



Bridesmaid would love to be enforcer

AMY
DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My good college friend "Clara" is getting married next month. Clara has several bridesmaids. We are all quite close.

"Sara," another bridesmaid, has an older sister, "Anne," and a younger brother, "Brett."

In our college days, Clara, Sara and I would socialize occasionally with Anne. We consider her a friend. Brett was the little brother. We consider him an acquaintance.

Anne was invited to the wedding with a plus one, but RSVP'd "no," as she is unable to attend. In the meantime, Brett made comments expressing his desire to attend the wedding. To be clear, Brett was NOT ever invited.

Now, Brett has apparently helped himself to his older sister Anne's declined invite, accessed the wedding site and RSVP'd "yes" for him and a plus one!

I am shocked on behalf of Clara, who has been meticulously planning this wedding for two years! She is sweet, kind and non-confrontational. And now she faces this insanely awkward dilemma.

Allowing Brett to help himself and a plus one to the wedding is out of the question. My question is, who is responsible for telling him off? Clara, as she is the one in charge of the guest list? Sara, who has already talked to her brother but probably doesn't know that he went so far as to RSVP? Me, because of the three of us, I have the least issue with confrontation? I need to know the most appropriate way to tell off this wedding crasher.

— The Enforcer?

Dear Enforcer: Finalizing the guest list is the bride's job. Policing her younger brother is "Sara's" job. Enforcing might be your job, and I'll do the rest.

I think the best way to approach this would be to react as if "Brett" is trolling and has appointed himself the Vince Vaughn character in this particular movie. The bride should review the online RSVP list, and if "Anne" has responded "no" but RSVP'd "yes" online, she should confirm with Anne that she will not be at the wedding and ask her if her brother has filled out her RSVP.

If she confirms that Brett has done this, the bride should let Sara know (Sara is Brett's other sister, who is also a bridesmaid), and confirm that Brett has not been invited to the wedding.

You might be helpful by assisting the bride in composing a simple message to Brett that is straightforward, polite and firm. I suggest something along the lines of: "Hi, Brett, I understand that you have invited yourself and a guest to my wedding! I assume you're just trying to prank us (haha!), but if you're serious about this I need to remind you that any uninvited people will be asked to leave before the ceremony."

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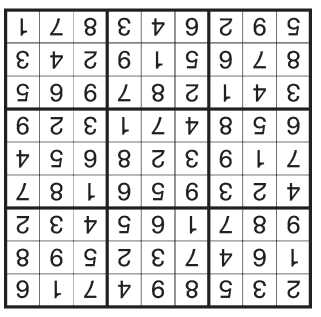

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — As much as you or someone else may want to skate on charm or a winning smile, some business matters require real, practical expertise. If your expectations aren't met, assess whether they should be adjusted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although daydreams may take you to a far more exciting place, you'll build your dreams best by grounding them here on Earth. Make mundane tasks easier by approaching them with an attitude of acceptance and enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Next week could be better for making your move. Presenting a creative project could work out as all the pieces fall into place. A friend may be waiting for you to tell them what they want to hear but keep it real too.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Powerful contacts could be happy to share their know-how. Have faith in your loved ones and friends even if they seem unpredictable. Be patient if a relationship seems to be more about business than pleasure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A desire to make progress could be temporarily blocked. Perhaps your ambition or stamina to succeed has briefly run out of steam. Someone else may have the willpower and passion to help make your ideas a reality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Let the good times roll; an activity that gives you a chance to show off a favorite skill set can deliver real satisfaction. Think well outside the box to solve difficult problems. Consider taking the lead on projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your job can become easier if you decide to set down roots and make lasting commitments. You might be more in touch with your idealistic or artistic inner self so you can add a creative touch to everything you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Find unusual means to profess your love and care; introduce friends to something new and delightful, or offer solid comfort to someone who is struggling. Use your imagination to make good things happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Take your time if you are making a major decision and avoid making major purchases even if something is on sale. Pour your energy into your job or work if innovative ideas and changes are afoot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your home is your castle and you may sometimes feel compelled to run it like a business. Notice if someone is feeling that you might be too practical. Consider putting financial maneuvering on hold and concentrating on affection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You might want to purchase something cool and interesting, but it could be better to save the money. This isn't the best time to gamble with your money or your heart; don't risk what you can't afford to lose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may have sucked up other people's stress. Let it go; if there is nothing you can do to help or change their situation, all you could be doing is making it harder to be there for them when you're really needed.

Pacers' Siakam, Haliburton combine for 43 in win

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Rick Carlisle believes his Indiana Pacers are already in playoff mode.

If Friday night is any indication, that could be a promising sign for a team that has lost nine straight postseason games and hasn't won a playoff series in a decade.

Pascal Siakam finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds, Tyrese Haliburton added 21 points, eight assists and eight rebounds and the Pacers beat the Los Angeles Lakers 109-90 in a pivotal game in the conference standings.

"These are all playoff games you know," Carlisle said after tying the late Red Auerbach for 12th on the NBA's career victory list with No. 938. "I mean, they're fighting for their position in the standings. We are, too."

And yet the Pacers allowed a season-low point total, holding the Lakers 60 points below Sunday's previous meeting with Indiana.

LeBron James (left ankle) and Anthony Davis (left knee) both started despite injuries and played like perennial All-Stars as the Lakers tried to improve from starting the night seeded No. 9 in the West.

Davis finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds, while James had 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. Austin Reaves added 16 points and 13 rebounds.

But three games in four nights also took a toll on the Lakers, who were 5 of 29 on 3-pointers and committed 16 turnovers, five by James.

"We didn't have the energy we've had the last few weeks," James said. "You've got to be able to play through it. We know it's three in four nights, but there's no excuse for unforced turnovers. They can't happen."

The high stakes — and the early up-tempo pace — created an entertaining and sometimes sloppy contest.

But after losing to the Lakers 123-109 in the final of the NBA's inaugural In-Season Tournament and 150-145 last Sunday in Los Angeles, Indiana locked down defensively and flipped the script on an old nemesis.

The Pacers never trailed after the first nine minutes, building a 40-33 lead midway through the second quarter and extending the margin from 54-49 at halftime to 86-70 late in the third.

And when James and Davis tried to rally the Lakers early in the fourth, the Pacers successfully fended off each charge before using a 17-3 spurt to clinch their first winning season since 2020-21.

"Yes, I forgot about that — first winning season in four years (in the NBA)," said Haliburton, a two-time All-Star. "But when you get caught up in the standings and how far the playoffs are, matchups and all that stuff, I think you lose what's in front of you and I think we've seen examples of that throughout the course of our season. So for us, it's taking it on a game-to-game basis, understanding every game is very meaningful moving forward."

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Back-to-back 9th-inning homers lift Reds over Nats

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Will Benson and Christian Encarnacion-Strand hit back-to-back home runs with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Cincinnati Reds to a series-clinching 6-5 win over the Washington Nationals on Sunday.

Cincinnati trailed 5-3 when Jonathan India hit a two-out double off Kyle Finnegan (0-1). Benson drove a first-pitch splitter to straightaway center to tie it up. Encarnacion-Strand swung over a low splitter, then drove an up splitter 387 feet into the left-field seats for his first hit in 13 at-bats this season as the Reds streamed out of their dugout to celebrate.

"I had an idea of what I wanted to do all three games. I just wasn't executing," Encarnacion-Strand said. "When I think to just hit the ball hard, it shrinks everything for me."

With the Reds down to their final out, India dueled with Finnegan, fouling off six pitches before lining a 96.6 mph fastball down the left-field line.

"I watched Jonathan's at-bat," Benson said. "It gave me a chance to get my timing down. I looked for a pitch over the plate and I got it."

Encarnacion-Strand struck out twice and hit into two double plays before his walk-off hit.

"He's always capable of coming up with the big hit, the big at-bat," Reds manager David Bell said. "When you're able to do it with your back against the wall like that and continue to grind out at-bats, it sure is a lot of fun to be a part of."

Lucas Sims (1-0) retired three straight batters in the ninth.

Aaron Doster — freelancer, FR171400 AP

Cincinnati Reds' Christian Encarnacion-Strand is doused by teammates after hitting a game-winning solo home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals on Sunday in Cincinnati.

Nick Martinez, in his Reds debut, allowed three runs and six hits in five innings.

Jake Fraley had three hits for the Reds, who won on opening day and lost Saturday.

Trey Lipscomb hit his first major league homer in the seventh inning for the Nationals. CJ Abrams hit a solo homer in the third inning and added an eighth-inning sacrifice fly, and Lane Thomas had a two-run single in the fifth.

Nationals starter Jake Irvin allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings.

"That's tough. Three-two (count), double. Homer. Homer. that's how it ended," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said. "But the last two games I'm pleased at how we played the game. We played hard. we played tough. It's just unfortunate. When you get a chance to go into the ninth inning with your closer, usually good things happen."

REDS 8, NATIONALS 2

Nick Martini said he felt a jolt in the Reds' opening day crowd when he lined his second homer of the afternoon 405 feet into the right-field stands on Thursday.

The 33-year-old was in the lineup batting eighth as the designated hitter, the first opening-day start of his big league career. He responded with a two-run homer in the second inning and a three-run drive in the third as Cincinnati cruised to an 8-2 win over the Washington Nationals on Thursday.

Frankie Montas pitched six shutout innings in his Cincinnati debut.

Montas (1-0) joined with Reds with a $16 million, one-year deal as a free agent and the 31-year-old right-hander allowed four hits in six innings, striking out four and walking none in his 100th career start. He had labrum surgery last Feb. 21 while with the New York Yankees and made his only big league appearance of the year on Sept. 30.

Martini is playing with his fourth major league team since 2018 and got the opportunity Thursday because of spring training injuries to TJ Friedl and Matt McClain. He hit a first-pitch slider out to right in the second inning and lined a 2-1 cutter into the same neighborhood the next inning.

Spencer Steer had two hits and two RBIs for Cincinnati.

Josiah Gray (0-1) matched his career high by allowing seven runs, giving up eight hits in four innings with six strikeouts and two walks.

NATIONALS 7, REDS 6

Eddie Rosario capped a three-run ninth inning off All-Star closer Alexis Díaz with a tiebreaking sacrifice fly, and the Washington Nationals beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 on Saturday.

Pinch-hitter Nick Martini gave the Reds a 6-4 lead with a two-run double in the eighth against Hunter Harvey (1-0).

Díaz, who had 37 saves in 40 chances last year, walked CJ Abrams on four pitches leading off the ninth, gave up a one-out RBI single to Jesse Winker and then allowed Joey Meneses' single and a walk to Joey Gallo.

Díaz forced in the tying run when he grazed Keibert Ruiz with a fastball. Pinch-runner Nasim Nuñez scored standing up on Rosario's opposite-field fly to left.

Kyle Finnegan pitched around a walk in the bottom half for the save as the Nationals rebounded from an opening 8-2 loss on Thursday.

Nationals starter Patrick Corbin gave up four runs and seven hits in $4\ ^1/_3$ innings, including a two-run homer to Luke Maile an a solo shot to Jeimer Candelario.

Reds starter Hunter Greene allowed two runs and five hits while striking out seven in $4\ ^2/_3$ innings.

Cincinnati gave Washington an extra out in the fourth when a ball dropped in center as fielders converged and another in the sixth when second baseman Santiago Espinal misplayed an infield popup . Both were ruled hits.

Manfred hopes probe of Ohtani will be short

NEW YORK — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred says he hopes the sport's gambling investigation of Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani will be short but he isn't sure.

MLB announced its investigation Friday after the Dodgers fired Ohtani's interpreter and friend, Ippei Mizuhara, following reports from the Los Angeles Times and ESPN about his alleged ties to an illegal bookmaker and debts well over $1 million. Ohtani said Monday he never bet on sports or knowingly paid any gambling debts accumulated by Mizuhara.

"Given the way the story unfolded, it's important in terms of assuring our fans about the integrity of the game that we verify the things that Mr. Ohtani has said, and it's really that simple," Manfred said Thursday on the MLB Network.

The IRS has confirmed that Mizuhara and Mathew Bowyer, the alleged illegal bookmaker, are under criminal investigation through the agency's Los Angeles field office.

"It's really difficult for the federal authorities to cooperate with us fully when they have their own ongoing investigation, so I think this is one where we'll have to proceed on our own," Manfred said,

MLB has limited ability to compel cooperation.

"We never have the kind of authority that law enforcement people have, but we manage to get these investigations done and find the facts and I'm sure we will on this one," Manfred said.

Asked about the length of the investigation, Manfred said: "I hope short, but I just don't know."

Manfred defended the commercial relationships MLB and its teams have with legal gambling companies.

"Sports betting is going to go on in the United States whether we have a relationship with any particular company, any gambling enterprise, or not," he said. "I don't think it's unusual to have a set of rules that apply to fans and executives and private citizens out there on the one hand, and players and people who have the ability to affect the outcome of the play on the field."

"There are all sorts of situations in which you have a privilege, in this case the privilege to play in Major League Baseball, and that comes with a responsibility to refrain from engaging in certain types of behavior, in this case gambling. that are legal for other people," he added.

Manfred also discussed the uncertainty in revenue from regional sports networks. Following the bankruptcy filing last year of Diamond Sports' Bally networks, MLB took over local broadcasts of San Diego and Arizona last season and is producing and distributing their telecasts this year along with those of Colorado.

"Local media is about 25% of our revenue," Manfred said. "There's absolutely no question that that particular revenue stream is challenged right now, but we see it as a trough. There's going to be a little downtick here, but we believe over the long haul ... clubs will be back to and beyond where they have been historically."

"Everybody is to some extent affected by the changes that are going in the cable bundle," he added. "The clubs that have actually seen revenue declines would be Seattle, Colorado, San Diego, Arizona, and then small declines in Texas, Minnesota and Cleveland."

Manfred said local media contributed to a slower free agent market that led to some top players getting shorter-term contracts.

"We have a market-based system," he said, "and when you have issues like the RSN issue ... that affect a significant number of teams and all the teams see problems on that horizon, it's going to affect the market for players. It has to.

"I think the players understand that they bargained for a market system and that markets are going to vary year to year. I think the bigger issue in terms of talking with players is making sure they understand what's going on with respect to local media so they can appreciate the impact that it has on the market."

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 39D01-2309-DN-000803
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
DEANNA L. STEWART,
Petitioner,
and
KENNETH W. STEWART, JR.
Respondent.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

THE PETITIONER TO THE RESPONDENT:
(Respondent Name):
Kenneth W. Stewart, Jr.
(Current Address): **Unknown**
(Last known Address):
4639 N. Scotts Ridge Rd., Madison, IN 47250

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by your spouse for the dissolution of your marriage. The nature of the suit against you is stated in the Petition, filed September 20, 2023, which is available in the courthouse, or by making contact with the attorney for Petitioner, Jeffrey A. Flores at 112 E. Third Street, Madison, IN 47250. Ph: 812-265-9020 The Petition for Dissolution also states the relief sought or the demand made against you by the petitioner. The case is pending in the Court named above.

In order to participate in the proceedings, you must enter a written appearance in person or by your attorney. In the event you do not enter a written appearance within thirty (30) days of the date hereof, your marriage can be dissolved by Decree of the Court by default. In the event a Decree is entered by default, it may contain a judgment against you, distribution of assets, and payment of debts. The Decree may also require you to take actions or refrain from actions in order to carry out the terms of the Court's Decree. If you do not enter a written appearance, you will receive no further notice of these proceedings.

If you wish to countersue, you must do so by written petition filed herein not more than sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN SET FOR A FINAL HEARING ON May 30, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. in the Jefferson Superior Court.

DATED: March 25, 2024
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Superior Court
(SEAL)

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.:39C01-2402-MF-000141
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT L. WILLHOITE, DECEASED AND
OCCUPANT(S) OF 14209 W MAIN ST,
DEPUTY, IN 47230,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

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OCCUPANT(S) OF 14209 W MAIN ST, DEPUTY, IN 47230

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:
The Unknown Heirs at Law of Robert L. Willhoite, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of , May 2, 2024 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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By /s/ Jessica S Owens
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CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-EU-000080
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF CLAYTON C. WILLOUGHBY
DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2023, Angela Lockridge was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Clayton C. Willoughby, Deceased, who died on the 14th day of April, 2023.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE A. BERG, DECEASED
CASE NO. 31C01-2403-ES-000022

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2024, Kelly Church and Michael Berg were appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Joyce A. Berg, deceased, who died on January 28, 2024.

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Dated March 19, 2024
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Notice is hereby given that Mary Minor Rowan, was on the 14th day of March, 2024 appointed Personal Representative of the Supervised Estate of Joann A May, deceased, who died on 12/14/2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana on March 15, 2024

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WIN

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first five shots before finally hitting a runner with less than a minute to go in the half. Holmes finished with 12 points.

The lead ballooned to 22 points early in the third quarter before the Hoosiers used a 10-0 run to get within 61-50 with just over three minutes left in the period. After the Gamecocks extended the advantage back to 15, Indiana closed within 65-55 at the end of the period.

KEY STATS

Behind Cardoso, the Gamecocks outscored the Hoosiers 42-26 in the paint. South Carolina's bench outscored Indiana's 23-2.

UP NEXT

South Carolina plays Oregon State, which it beat 59-42 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament three years ago.

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Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	$72,423.38	$44,028.25	$38,462.48	$77,989.15
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	$51,029.77	$26,513.36	$21,735.70	$55,807.43
	1111	FIRE FIGHTING FUND	$169,020.07	$32,578.23	$24,150.00	$177,448.30
	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	$2,153.84	$3,309.03	$3,291.47	$2,171.40
		Total All Funds	**$294,627.06**	**$106,428.87**	**$87,639.65**	**$313,416.28**

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Jefferson County

I, Lucy J. Anderson, Trustee of HANOVER TOWNSHIP, Jefferson County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Lucy J. Anderson (sign)
HANOVER TOWNSHIP Trustee
Telephone: 812-866-2677
Date this report was to be published: April 2, 2024

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of HANOVER TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 3rd day of March, 2024.

________________________________ (sign)
________________________________ Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 3 day of March, 2024.

Hanover Township Board:
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EDEY

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Boilermakers big man Zach Edey went for a career high 40 points Sunday to muscle Purdue within two wins of the title for the first time since 1980 with a 72-66 victory over Dalton Knecht and his never-say-quit Tennessee teammates.

The 7-foot-4 Edey, a unanimous AP All-American, didn't even need a ladder to cut down the net after edging out Knecht, another All-American, who finished with 37 points.

The game's top two players, and their teams, went back and forth all day. How close was it? There were six ties and eight lead changes. With 5 minutes left and the score knotted at 58, both players had scored 31 points on 12 field goals. According to OptaSTATS, this was the first time opposing players scored more than half their squads' points in an NCAA Tournament game.

"You're not trying to take away 100%, you're trying to take away maybe 80% of what he's trying to get accomplished," Purdue coach Matt Painter said of Knecht. "But we don't take Zach for granted. He could've scored 50 tonight if he'd made his free throws."

Edey missed eight of his 22 attempts from the foul line. One of those misses sparked the play of the game. After Tennessee grabbed the rebound and worked the ball downcourt, Edey swatted away Knecht's layup as he drove to the basket while trailing by five with 33 seconds left.

It was Edey's only block of the day, and it put an end to the Vols' desperate comeback hopes.

"I was just trying to get back, and make my presence felt on the defensive end of the court, and make up for it," Edey said.

Top-seeded Purdue (33-4) set aside last year's grand disappointment — a first-round loss as a No. 1 seed — to book the trip to Glendale, Arizona. Edey and the Boilermakers will face big man DJ Burns Jr. and 11th-seeded North Carolina State in the national semifinals on Saturday (**TV:** Live on TBS & TNT at 6:09 p.m.).

"We had to take it," Painter said of the abuse that came last year. "Sometimes when you sit in it and you're honest with yourself and you take it, some great things can happen."

Tennessee (27-9), a No. 2 seed, was seeking its first Final Four, and Vols coach Rick Barnes was denied the second trip of his 38-year career to college basketball's promised land.

This was a slugfest of a game, a welcome break from the action over the first two weeks of a March Madness that has been more sleepy than mad. It was played in front of an ear-splitting crowd packed with Purdue fans who made their way up from Indiana.

They were looking for history, and they got it — along with the game ball that Boilermakers guard Fletcher Loyer chucked about 20 rows into the crowd when the buzzer went off.

The school's 87-year-old former coach, Gene Keady, watched from the stands — then, afterward, came onto the floor to receive a piece of the freshly cut net from Edey.

"It shows people if you do things the right way, it will pay off," the ex-coach told The Associated Press.

At times, the game looked like the sort Keady might have coached back in the '80s and '90s.

Purdue pounded the ball to Edey in the post, and though the grabby, swatty UT defense made some inroads — even blocking two of his shots — foul trouble piled up for Tennessee and Edey wore them down. He finished 13 of 21 from the floor.

Barnes refused to make an issue out of Edey's 22 free throws or the final foul tally: Tennessee 25, Purdue 12.

"He's a difficult guy to guard against, but he's a difficult guy for referees to officiate, too," Barnes said. "He's a hard guy to do that with because he's a unique guy in terms of how he plays."

Meanwhile, the 3-point arc that was six years from coming into existence at Purdue's last trip to the Final Four was barely a factor for the Boilermakers. They went 3 for 15 from long range.

And yet, it was a trio of 3-point attempts that turned this game. Knecht missed a pair of open looks, first with his team trailing by three at the 3:09 mark, then again on the next possession when down by six.

In between, Lance Jones spotted up from the corner for a 3 that gave Purdue a 66-60 lead.

The coup de grace came with Tennessee trying to carve into a 69-64 deficit. Knecht drove down the lane and went up, but Edey, who played just a few seconds short of the full 40 minutes, scooted over and cleanly swatted the shot.

"A great play, you've got to give him credit," Barnes said.

Knecht finished 14 of 31 from the floor. After making his first four 3-pointers, he went 2 for 8.

"I don't think I put the team on my back," Knecht said. "I think all of us carried each other. I think every single one of us did what we needed to do. At the end of the day, they were just the better team."

DREAM

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That attitude also shows in Stockdale's preferred choice of major. He hopes to be able to work with kids down the road.

"I'm going to go into physical education. I've always loved to work with kids," Stockdale said. "I always loved to be around kids. I like to be active so I thought it fit well being able to move and being able to teach kids."

Southwestern has already began the season and the Rebels are currently 3-1 with a marquee game against Madison coming up on Friday. But Stockdale has his sights on winning the program's first sectional title since 1999.

"My main goal is to win a sectional. Losing the sectional championship my first two years was one of the hardest feelings and then losing last year after Jameson threw a no hitter, that just left a bad taste in our mouths," Stockdale said. "So this year that is definitely the goal and I feel like we can do that and go even farther than that."

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